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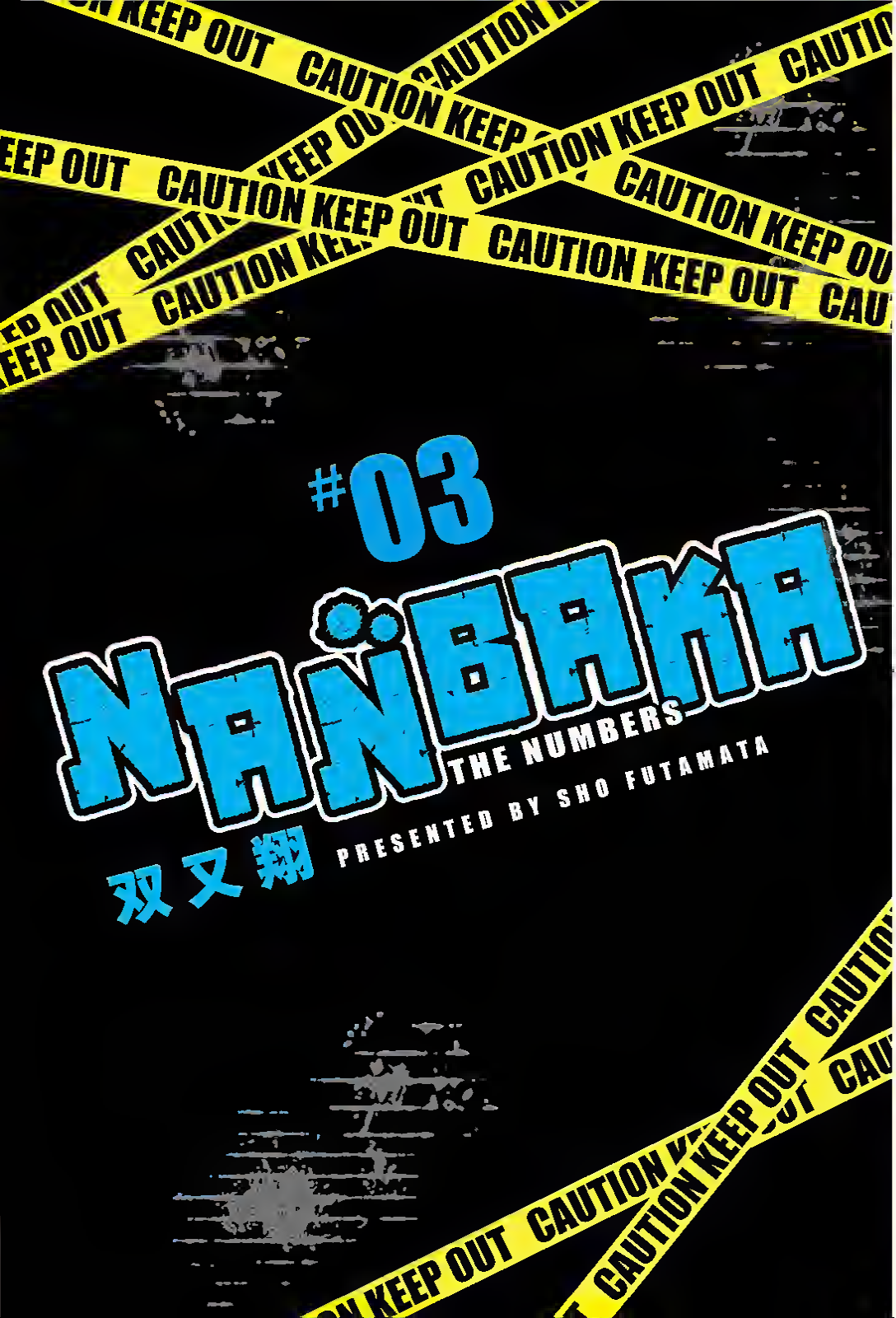
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HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE
FOR VALENTINE'S
THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
PANG
WARDEN! THE INMATES MOVING ON TO THE FINAL EVENT HAVE BEEN DETER-MINED!
WOOHOO!
AYE-AYE.
うるさ。
YOU'RE LOUD
MY BAD
BUT WOULD YOU KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN? YOU'RE HURT-ING MY EARS!
I KNOW THAT!

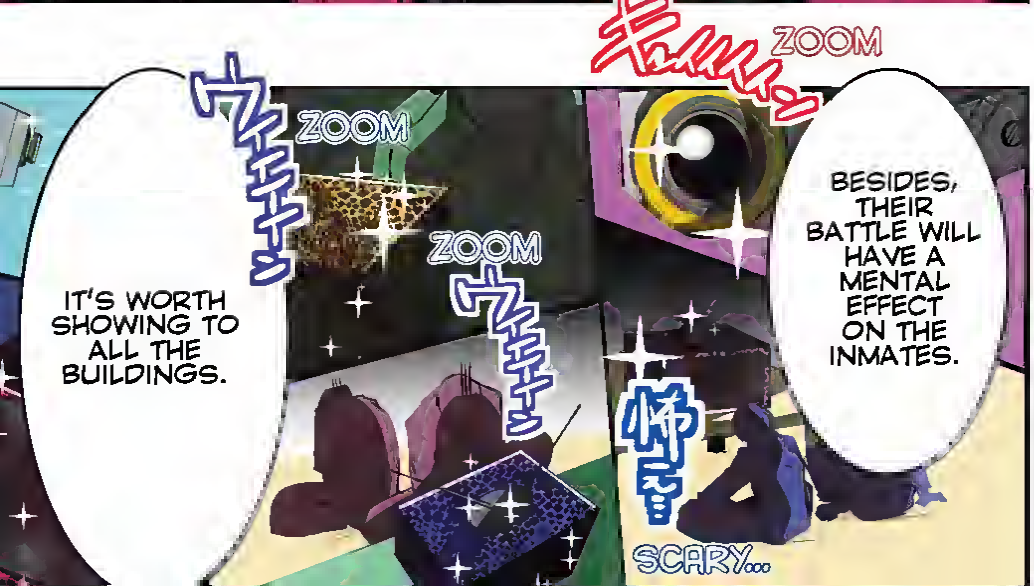
CLOSE
BLUSH
I LIKE SCONES BEST.
OH? YOU LIKE SWEETS, WARDEN?
GASP
HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE
FOR VALENTINE'S
DROOL

AT ANY RATE, GO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL EVENT. I'LL RETURN TO THE EVENT SITE.
AYE-AYE.

NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS! I JUST WANTED TO READ SOME-THING!
RIGHT?
I GET IT. IF THERE'S A BOOK AROUND, IT'S NATURAL FOR US TO WANT TO READ IT.
HMPH

BUILDINGS 4 AND 13 ARE ADVANCING, CORRECT?
BY THE WAY,

No.1
No.2
IT'S THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. YET AGAIN. BUT IT'LL MAKE THINGS EXCITING, SO I DON'T MIND.
THEY ARE THE TOP TWO, AFTER ALL.
超パフェ☆ですよ！
SUPER PERFECT!!


ZOOM
キュルルルン
BESIDES, THEIR BATTLE WILL HAVE A MENTAL EFFECT ON THE INMATES.
怖っ!!
SCARY...
ZOOM
ウェェェン
ZOOM
ウェェェン
IT'S WORTH SHOWING TO ALL THE BUILDINGS.

THE TREMENDOUS ABILITIES AND MENTAL STRENGTHS OF OUR OFFICERS...
WE HOLD THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT AT THE START OF THE YEAR ALONG WITH CHANGING THEIR MINDS. WE NEED TO SHOW THE INMATES OUR GUARDS' STRENGTH.
THE INMATES WILL FEEL THEM FIRST-HAND. THAT'S NANBA'S WAY OF EDUCATING THEM.

OHH, HOW SCARY.
怖い②
YOU'RE PROBABLY TIED WITH MY BEST FRIEND.
WARDEN, YOU ARE PRETTY SADISTIC.

HAJIME, WHO ELSE? YOU KNOW WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS, RIGHT? YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING HIM...
YOUR BEST FRI-END?
GYAON!
NUDGE
GET BACK TO WORK!
AYE-AYE.

HEART THUMP
ドキン
OH.
!!
WHISPER
こそ、
WE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE A VALENTINE'S DAY STORY UNTIL NEXT YEAR.
RIIIP

SETSUBUN IS OVER, TOO!

HAJIME'S VISION
INU'S VISION
CHAPTER 21:
TURBULENCE!! THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT, PART 7

AWW, MAN...
YO.
よ。
WE BOTH LOST, SO DON'T GLARE AT ME LIKE THAT,
SUPER-VISOR.
WHAT?
なあ？
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
THEY BEAT YOU UP GOOD. HOW PITIFUL.
BUT HE CAN CREATE MEDICINE AND POISON FROM WILD FLOWERS. WELL, THAT'S WHY HE'S HERE, I SUPPOSE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT...
SUCH A SKILL FOR AN INMATE.
HEY, DON'T SAY THAT OUT LOUD.
THE MEDICA-TION NO. 71 MAKES IS VERY EFFEC-TIVE, AS ALWAYS. YOU'VE HEALED ALREADY.

I'LL USE IT EVEN IF YOU SAY NO. EVEN I HAVE THINGS I WANT.
I CAN AT LEAST HAVE A NUMBING AGENT, RIGHT?
YEAH, THOUGH HE DID STOP MAKING DEADLY POISONS. HE WAS HIDING THEM BEFORE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU CONFISCATE THEM, IT'S NO USE.
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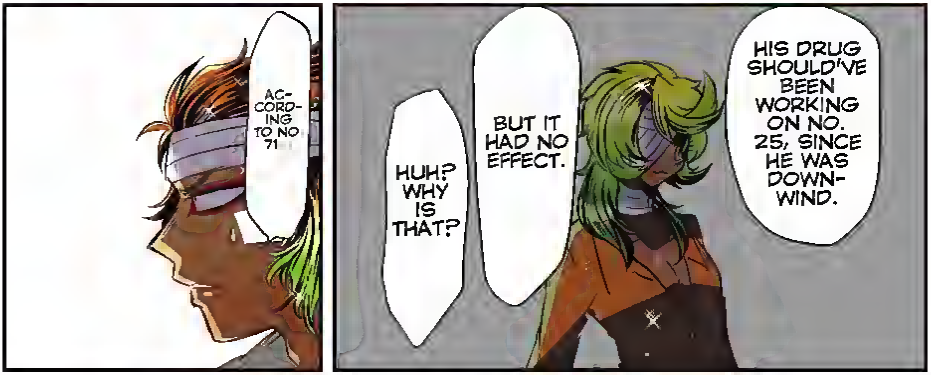
JEEZ


ACCORDING TO NO. 71
HUH? WHY IS THAT?
BUT IT HAD NO EFFECT.
HIS DRUG SHOULD'VE BEEN WORKING ON NO. 25, SINCE HE WAS DOWNWIND.

OHH... I GUESS HE'S NO MATCH FOR AN OVERMEDICATED PATIENT.
IT PROBABLY DIDN'T WORK BECAUSE NO. 25 IS SO USED TO BEING DRUGGED UP ALREADY
SIGH...
はぁ

NO WAY
EVEN IF HE KNOWS ABOUT THE INMATES IN BUILDING 5,
IS IT POSSIBLE... THAT HE KNEW?
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW ABOUT NO. 71'S DRUGS, RIGHT?!
HAJIME IS A DIFFERENT STORY, THOUGH.
HE NEVER EVEN STOOD DOWNWIND FROM THE DRUG WHERE IT'S EFFECTIVE, IN THE MIDST OF ALL OF THAT CHAOS!
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WAS HIS INSTINCTS OR WHAT.
JEEZ! HE'S SUCH A MYSTERY. IT CREEPS ME OUT.
DAMN, BUT I HATE THAT GUY!

PHEW...
SO TIRED.
PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER IS ROUGH.
ごっそり FULL
ズリっ
GRIND
YEAH, THANKS.
SUPERVISOR! I'VE TAKEN NO. 25-KUN TO THE INFIRMARY. I'LL STAY WITH HIM FOR NOW.
Pi

ALL RIGHT
はぁーい♡
THE STRONG TEAMS THAT SURVIVED THIS FAR WILL BATTLE IT OUT!
WHY DOES HE LOOK LIKE HE'S DYING?
YEEEAHH!! THANKS FOR WAITING! LET'S BEGIN THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNA-MENT'S FINAL EVENT!
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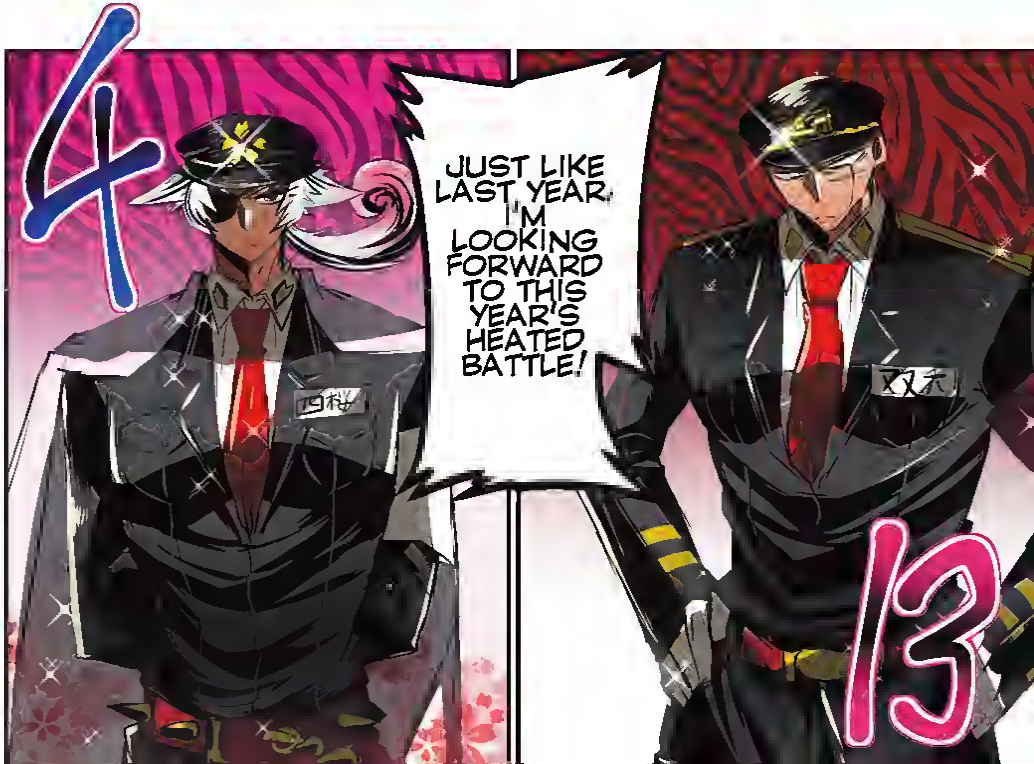
TATTERED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JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S HEATED BATTLE!
13

GOOD WORK WINNING SO FAR, OFFICERS AND INMATES.
STEP
I ANTICIPATE AN EXCITING MATCH FOR THIS FINAL EVENT.
PROUD
HIT THE OPPONENT WITH YOUR BEST SHOT...
AND WIN!

FINAL EVENT
SAKE BARREL OPENING

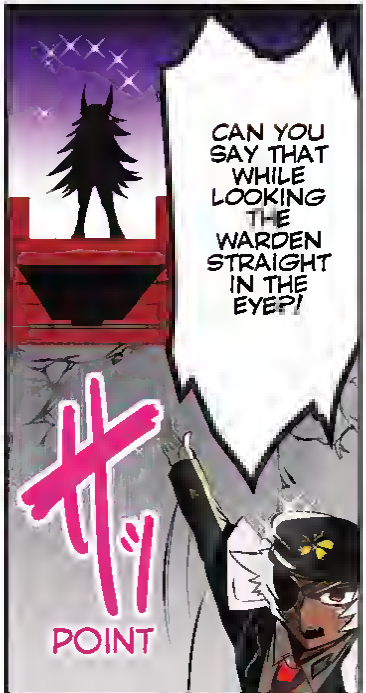
WHAP
YOU WILL ENTER AS A TWO-MAN TEAM CONSISTING OF ONE GUARD AND ONE INMATE!
THE FIRST TEAM TO OPEN THIS SPECIALLY-MADE NANBA PRISON SAKE BARREL WINS!!
ドン
THUD

SAKE OPENING AT THE END, HUH? WELL, I GUESS THAT FITS NEW YEAR'S.
SO?
WHICH ONE OF YOU IS GOING?
15
?
TURN
KICK
ARGH
GET IN THERE ALREADY! YOU'RE THE MAIN CHARACTER AFTER ALL.
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
HMPH
GRR
YOU GUYS HAVE NO MOTIVA-TION!

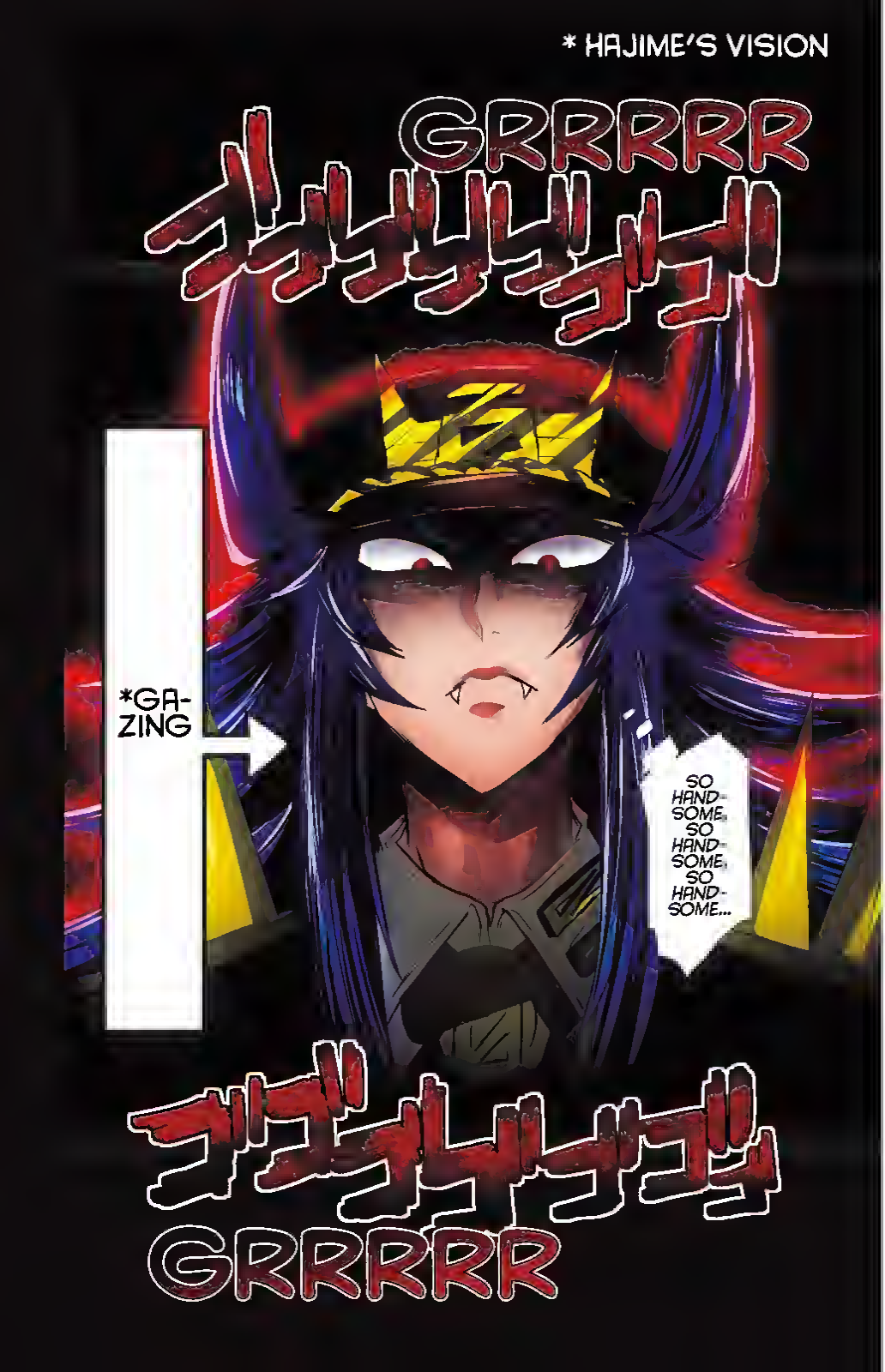
EXTEND
WAIT.
YOU ENTER.
HAJIME SUGO-ROKU.
I'M FINE WITH THAT.
ONE GUARD, HUH? I ENTERED LAST YEAR, SO I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU THIS YEAR, YAMATO.
GOOD LUCK. I'M GOING BACK TO THE SMOKING ROOM.
NO.
YOU MUST ENTER.
I LOST LAST YEAR, BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN THIS YEAR.
ズバッ
BLUNT
ズン
ズン
POINT

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
OHH... SO HAND-SOME!
LIKE ALWAYS...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

I WAS UP ALL NIGHT, SO I'M TIRED.
WHAT?!


CAN YOU SAY THAT WHILE LOOKING THE WARDEN STRAIGHT IN THE EYE?!
POINT

THE STRENGTH TO WIN EVENTS... THE VALOR... HOW MAGNIFICENT!
I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT A CAMERA.
BLUSHING
BLUSHING


* HAJIME'S VISION
GRRRRR
*GA-
ZING
SO HAND-
SOME,
SO HAND-
SOME,
SO HAND-
SOME...
GRRRRR

A DEATH GLARE!!
SHE'S GIVING ME...
PALES
I'M ALREADY ON HER RADAR
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I GUESS
IF YOU THINK SO, MAYBE IT IS.
HEY, YAMATO... IS THIS SOMETHING I HAVE TO ENTER?
BUT OF COURSE IF YOU SEE THE EYES OF THE WARDEN...
YOU CAN'T HELP BUT OBEY
STEP
HMPH... IT SEEMS YOU'RE FINALLY UP FOR IT.

IF HIS HEART IS STOLEN BY HER BEAUTY...
*INU'S VISION
I CAN'T BLAME HIM!
4
CLENCH
BUT...

I REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.
GLARE
はぁ…
SIGH...
I CANNOT FORGIVE YOU.
YOU, WHO STOLE THE HEART OF THE ONE I'VE PLEDGED MY LIFE AND LOYALTY TO!
AND I'LL PROVE TO HER WHICH ONE OF US IS REALLY THE MAN THAT CAN MEASURE UP TO HER.
I WILL DEFINITELY WIN.

MY HEART
BELONGS TO YOU.

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THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
SUGO-ROKU... SO HAND-SOME...
I WILL DEVOTE ALL MY VICTORIES TO YOU...
WARDEN!
キリッ
SERIOUS

SHUT UP! THAT'S MY LINE. YOU THINK I WANTED TO ENTER TWICE IN A ROW?!
HUH?!
あぁ!?
SERIOUSLY?!
はぁ!?
UGH.
I'M TEAMING UP WITH YOU?! THIS IS THE WORST.
1315
STOP
ALL RIGHT.
LET'S GO, NO. 634.
AHH. I KNEW THAT VOICE SOUNDED FAMILIAR. SO IT WAS HIM.
YOU TAKE CARE OF NO. 15.

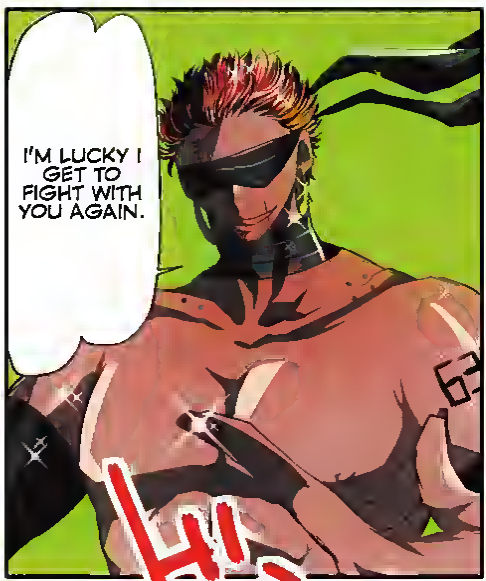
YOU...
MUSA-
SHI!
LONG
TIME NO
SEE,
JYUGO.

NANBAKA

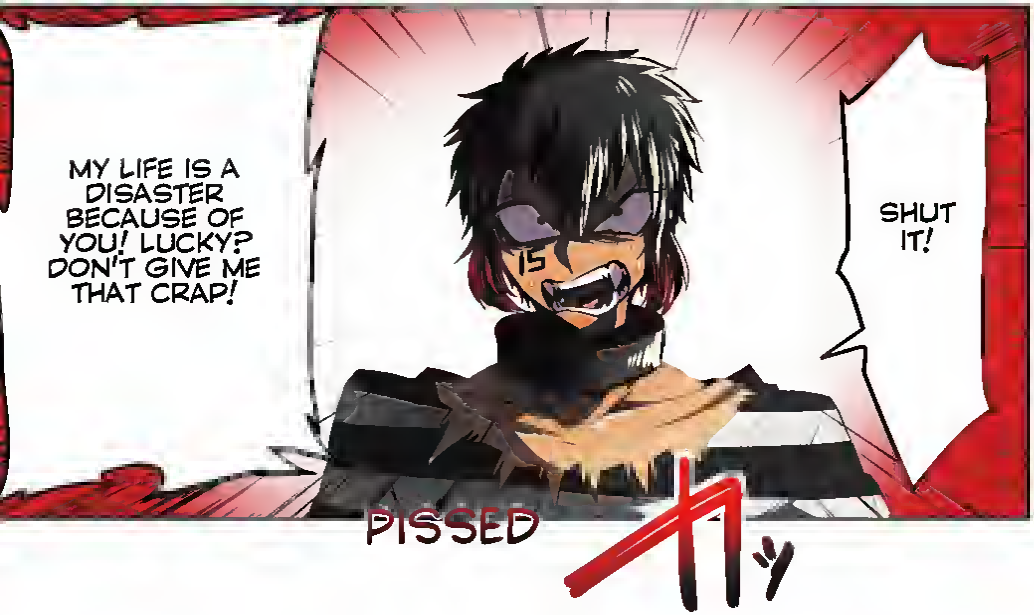
CHAPTER 22:
TURBULENCE!! THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT, PART 8

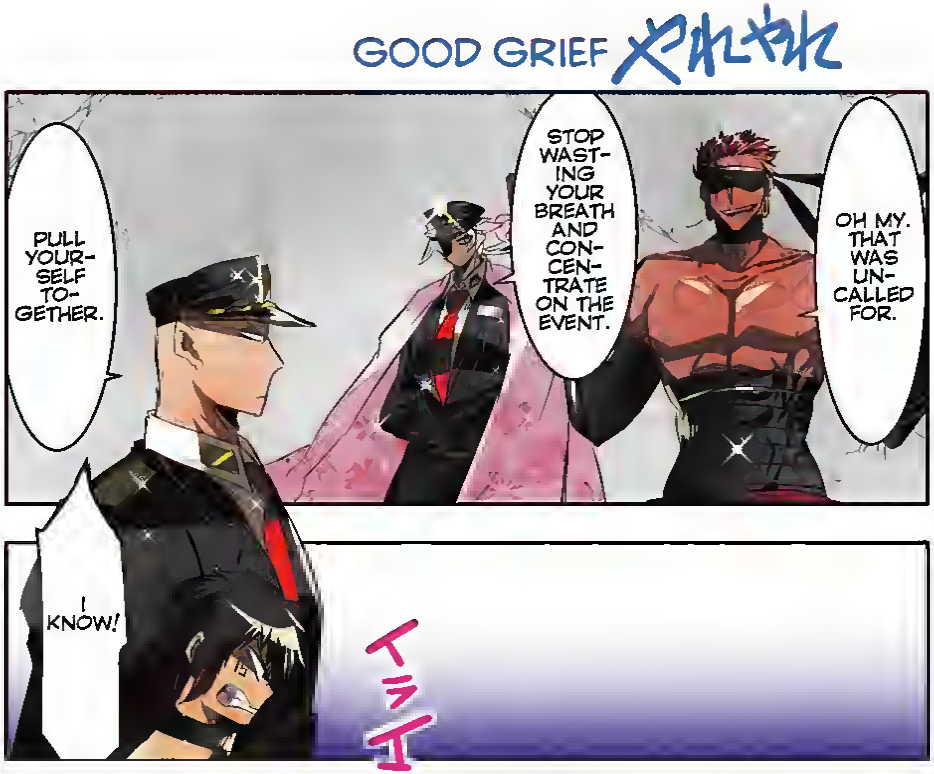
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
MUSA-SHI! YOU...

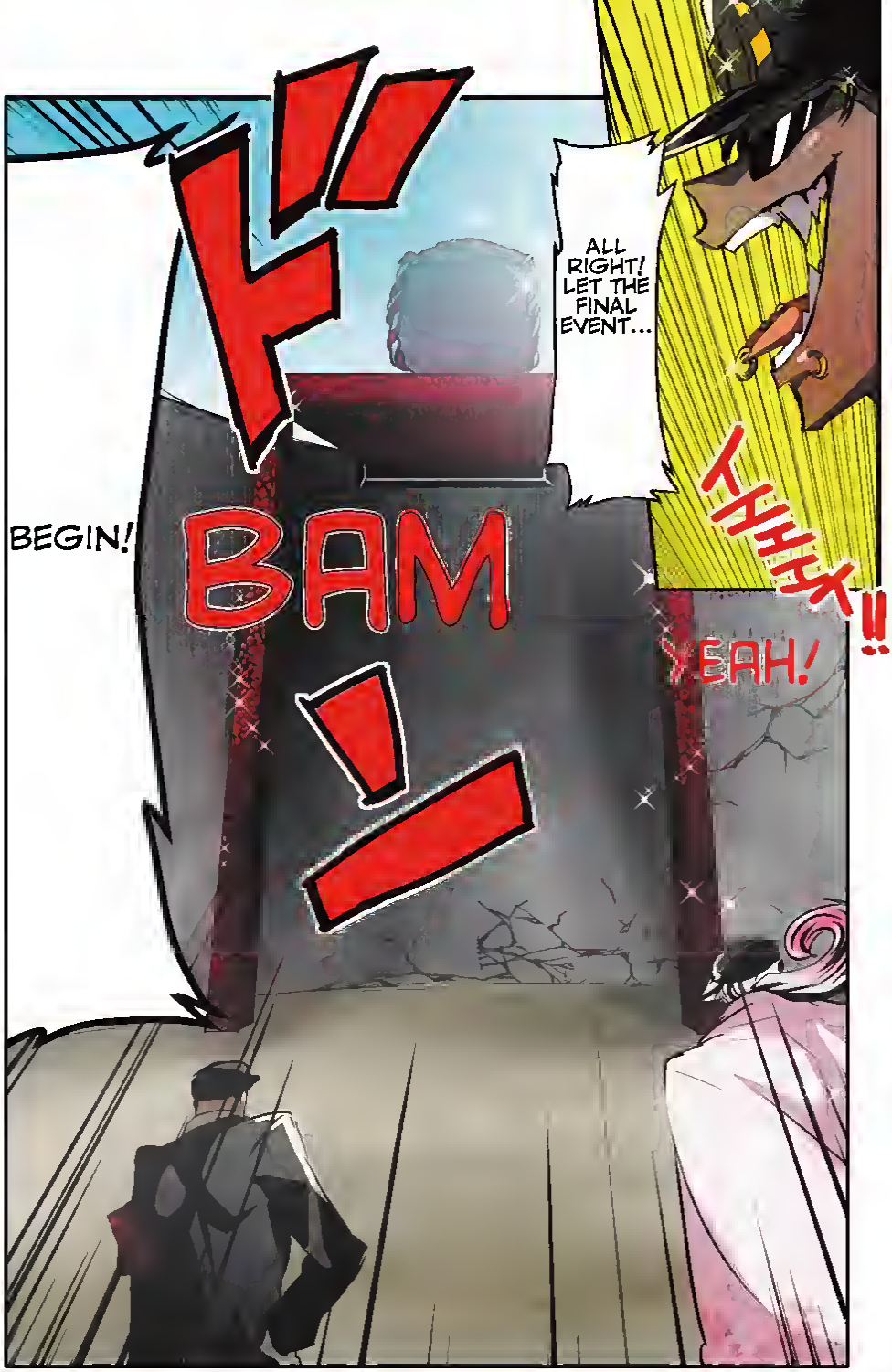
IT MEANS I'M AN "ADEQUATE" INMATE, LIKE YOU.


I'M LUCKY I GET TO FIGHT WITH YOU AGAIN.
SNAP

WHAT? YOU KNOW HIM? I GUESS IT HAPPENS WITH INMATES, TOO.
HE WAS MY CELL-MATE IN A DIFFER-ENT PRISON, BACK IN THE DAY


MY LIFE IS A DISASTER BECAUSE OF YOU! LUCKY? DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!
SHUT IT!
PISSED


GOOD GRIEF
PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER.
STOP WAST-ING YOUR BREATH AND CON-CEN-TRATE ON THE EVENT.
OH MY. THAT WAS UN-CALLED FOR.
I KNOW!
IRRITATED


ALL RIGHT! LET THE FINAL EVENT...
BEGIN!
BAM
YEAH!

DASH
THAT WAS MY PLAN TO FROM THE START.
INU-CHAN, LEAVE NO. 15 TO ME WHILE YOU GO TAKE CARE OF THAT.
PANG
15

WHACK
GRIP
THUNK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...OW.

SLIDE
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FIERCENESS?
THAT FIERCENESS YOU HAD WHEN YOU DESTROYED MY EYES!
YOU'RE GETTING PRETTY RUSTY, EH, JYUGO?
THAT'S ALL IT TAKES FOR YOU TO SHRINK BACK?
GRIP
BOOM

GRAB
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE.
TUG

I WILL FINALLY BEAT YOU THIS YEAR
AND OBTAIN THE TITLE OF NO. 1 IN NANBA!
GRIP
ぐぐぐ
HUH?
EVER THE ANNOY-ING LITTLE DOG, AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU WANT IT TH-T MUCH, YOU CAN HAVE IT.
EH?
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YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
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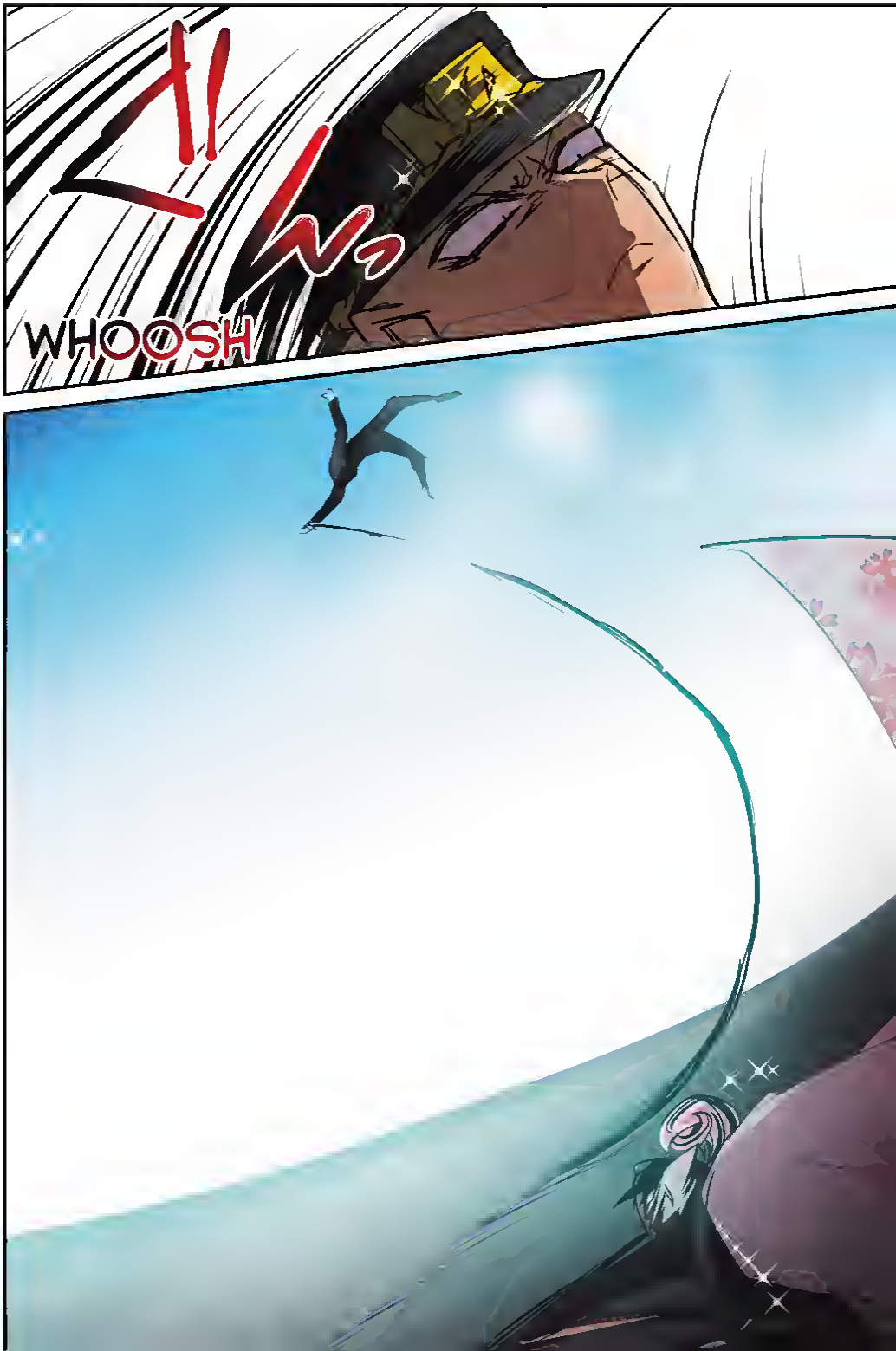
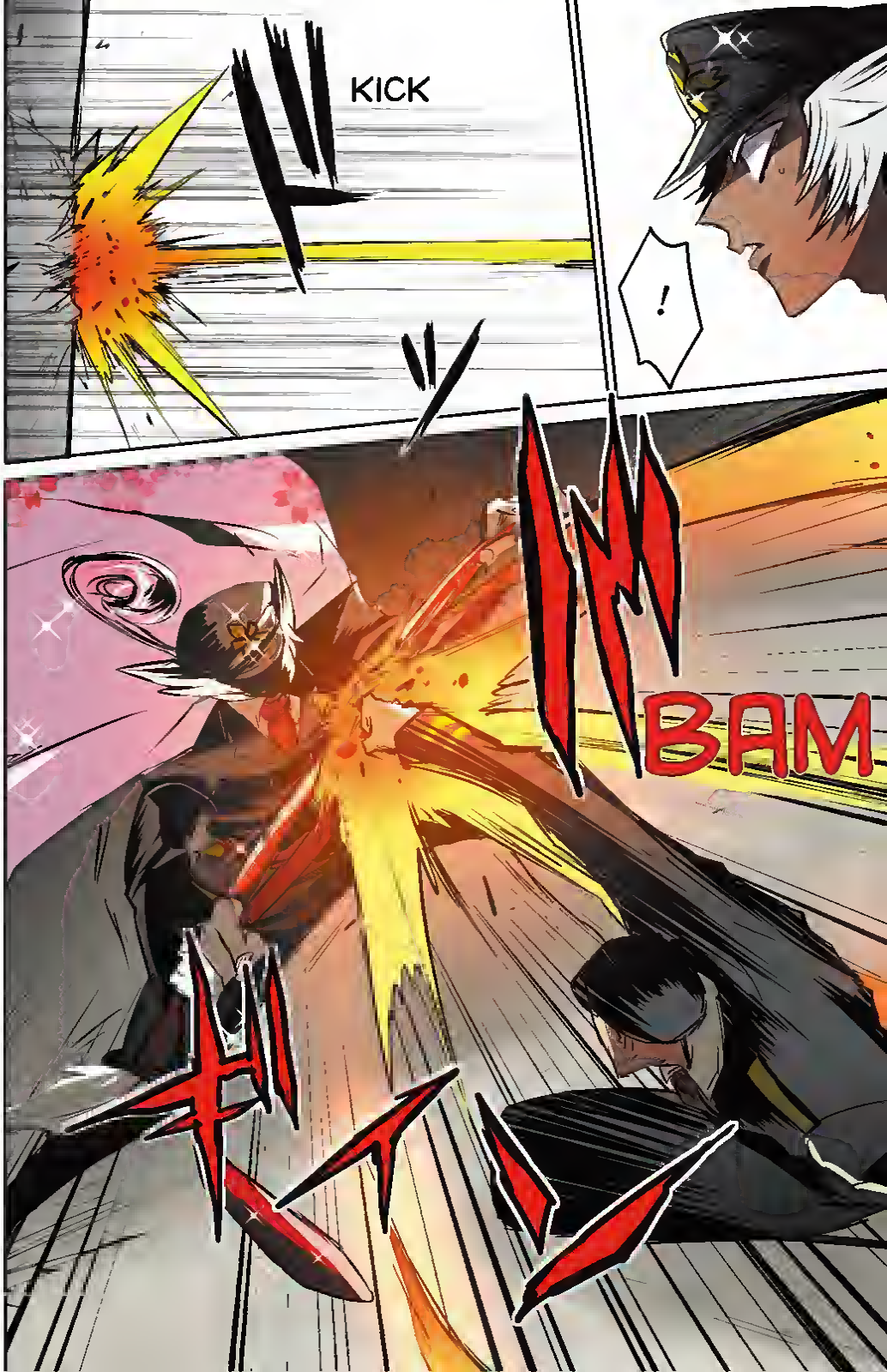
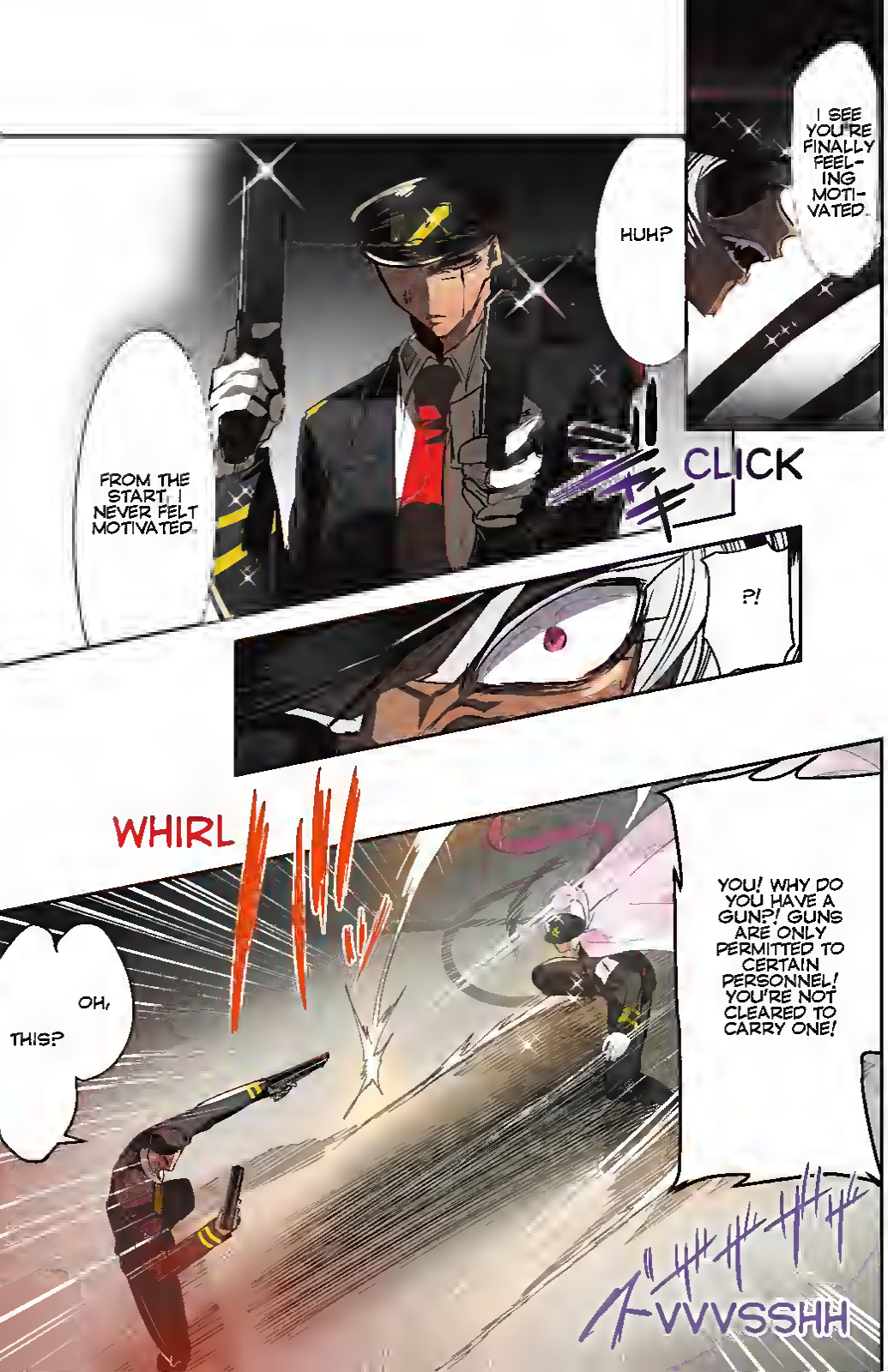
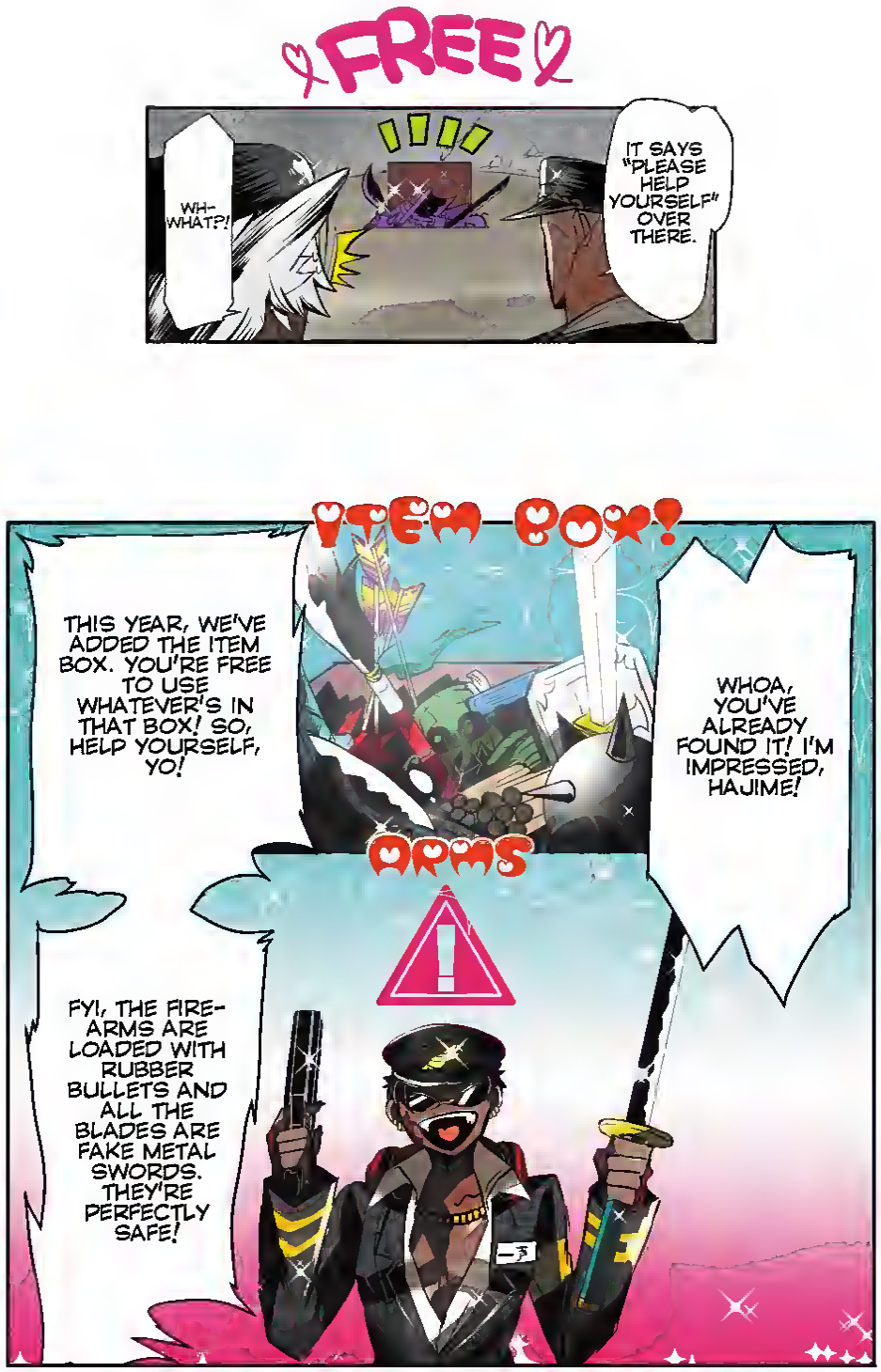

WHOOSH

SWOOSH
THE ONLY WAY SHE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ME IS IF I BEAT YOU!!
I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOUR SKULL!
SII
THUD
ROLL
SWOOSH

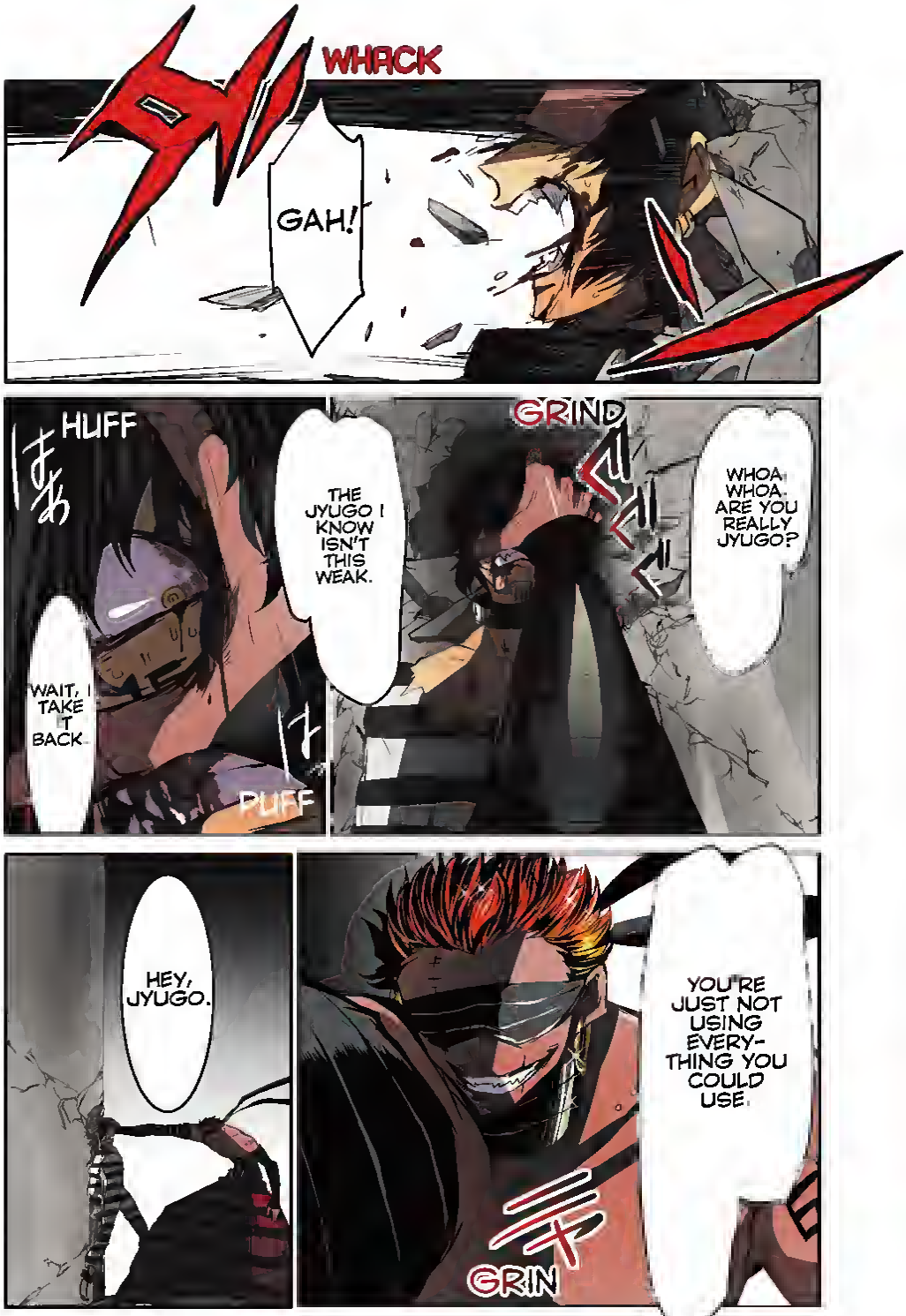

KICK
!
BAM


I SEE YOU'RE FINALLY FEELING MOTIVATED.
HUH?
CLICK
FROM THE START, I NEVER FELT MOTIVATED.
?!
WHIRL
YOU! WHY DO YOU HAVE A GUN?! GUNS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL! YOU'RE NOT CLEARED TO CARRY ONE!
OH, THIS?
VVVSSHH


FREE
WH-WHAT?!
IT SAYS "PLEASE HELP YOURSELF" OVER THERE.
ITEM BOX!
THIS YEAR, WE'VE ADDED THE ITEM BOX. YOU'RE FREE TO USE WHATEVER'S IN THAT BOX! SO, HELP YOURSELF, YO!
WHOA, YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND IT! I'M IMPRESSED, HAJIME!
ARMS
FYI, THE FIREARMS ARE LOADED WITH RUBBER BULLETS AND ALL THE BLADES ARE FAKE METAL SWORDS. THEY'RE PERFECTLY SAFE!

CLICK
YOU HEARD HIM. BUT DON'T WORRY, I WON'T HIT YOU.
IT'S JUST AN IDLE THREAT.
THOUGH, YOU WOULDN'T DIE, EVEN IF YOU DID GET HIT.

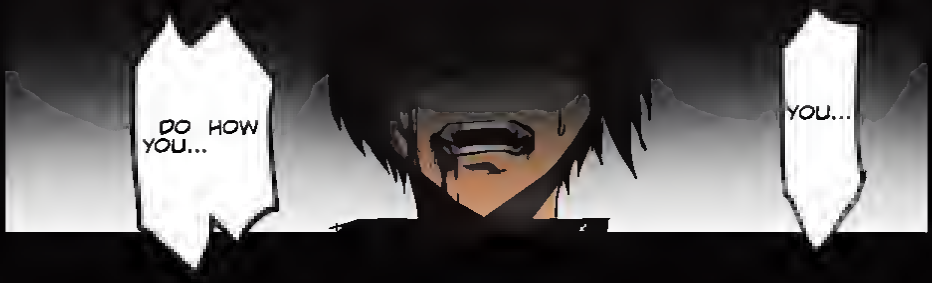
GRIND
YOU CONTINUE TO MOCK THIS FIGHT!
UN-FOR-GIV-ABLE!
GRRRR


WHACK
GAH!
HUFF
はあ
WAIT, I TAKE IT BACK.
PUFF
THE JYUGO I KNOW ISN'T THIS WEAK.
GRIND
WHOA. WHOA. ARE YOU REALLY JYUGO?
HEY, JYUGO.
GRIN
YOU'RE JUST NOT USING EVERY-THING YOU COULD USE.

HAND ME YOUR BLACK SHACKLE.
TAP
トン
034
DAMN YOU!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP?!
OF COURSE
I'LL DO ANY-THING TO TAKE IT FROM YOU.
HEH UNFOR-TU-NATELY, I CAN'T UNLOCK THIS AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE.
IF I COULD, I'D GIVE IT TO YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN UNLOCK IT...

...IS THE MAN WITH THE SCAR ON HIS NECK.
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
1315

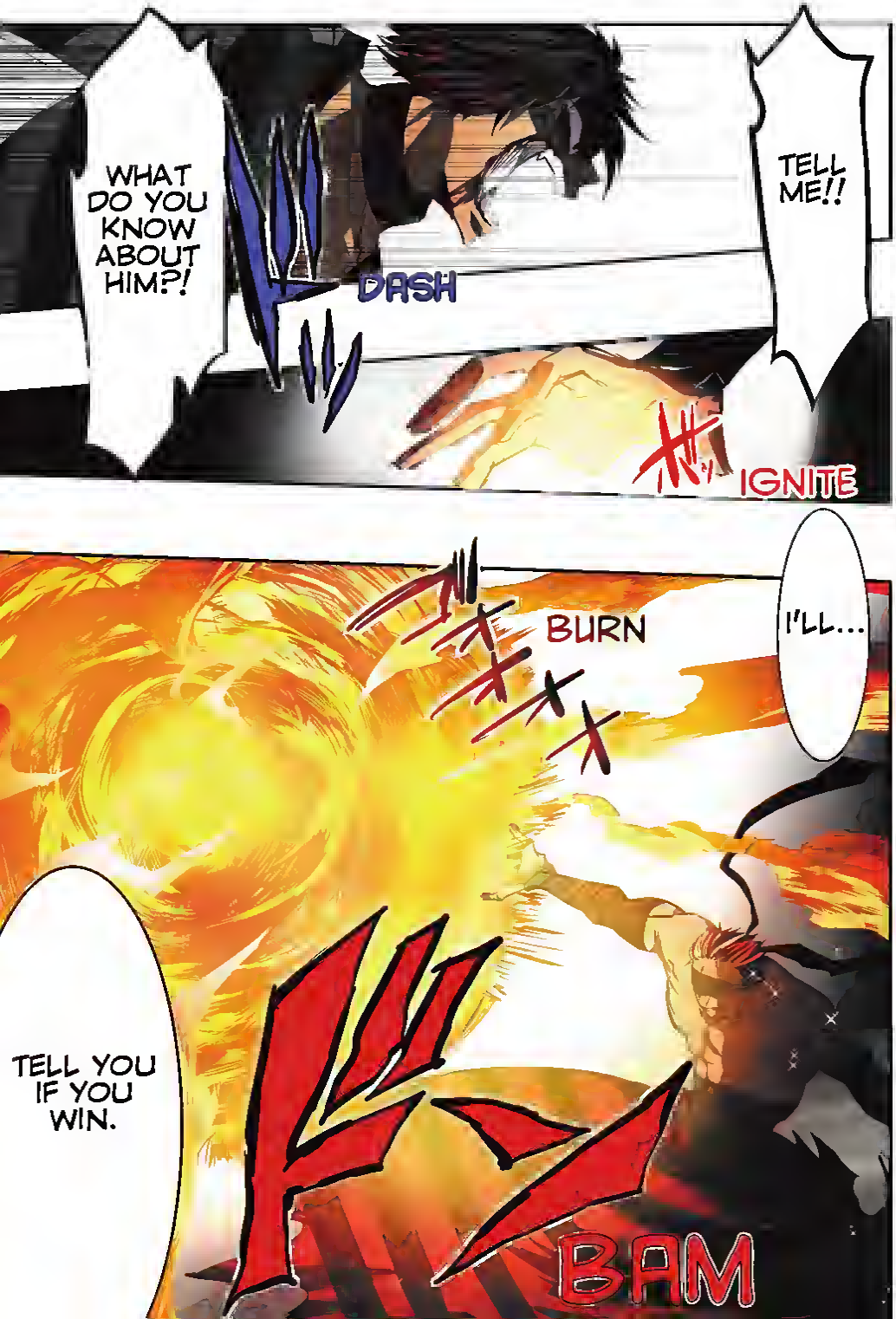
I WILL FIND HIM.



AT ANY COST.

ANSWER ME!!
MUSASHI!!
BURST

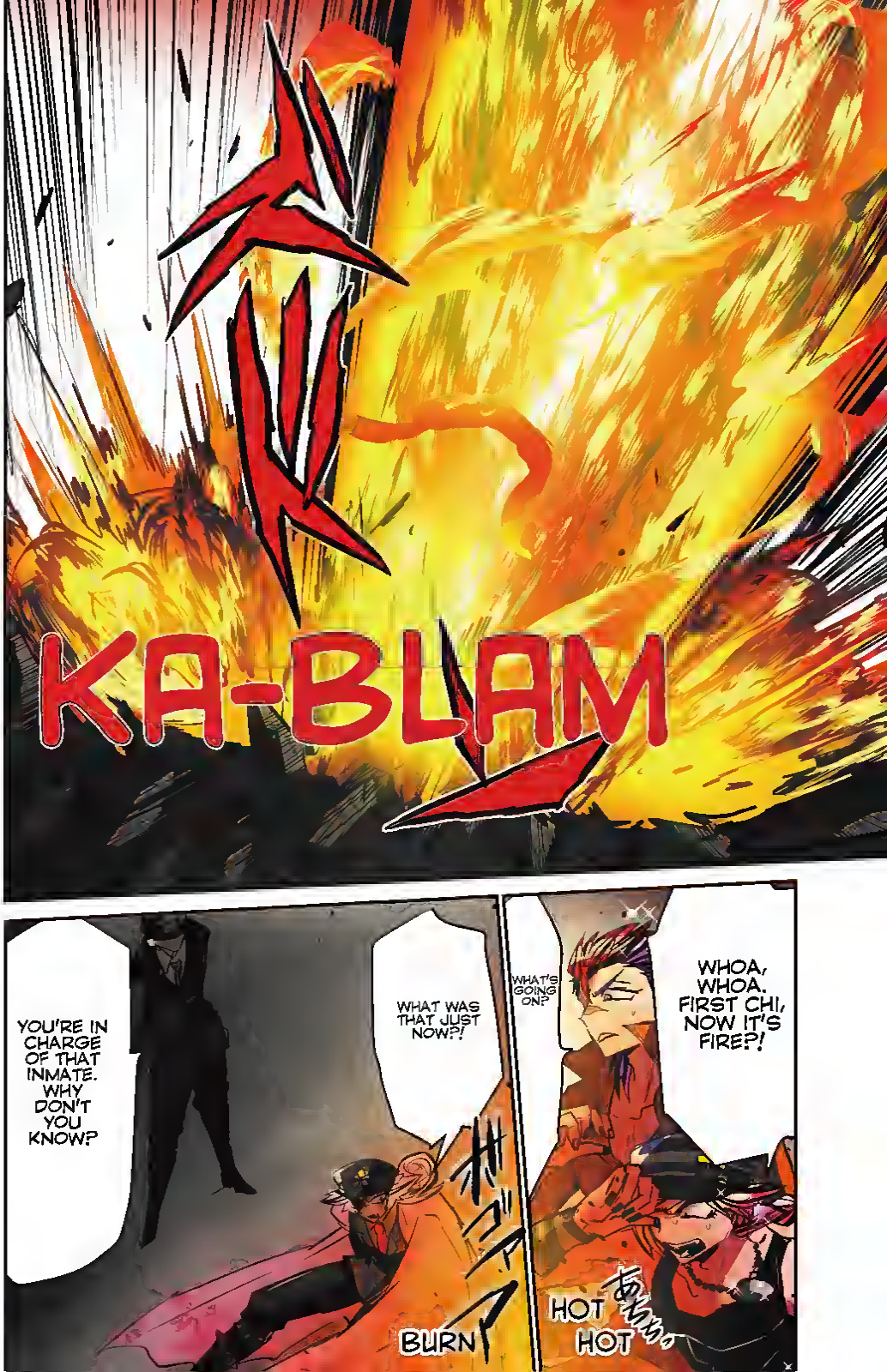
MAYBE I CAN SEE IT AGAIN.
IF SO...
YOU'RE FINALLY GETTING SERIOUS.
I GOTTA DO IT.
BOOM


WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?!
DASH
TELL ME!!
IGNITE
BURN
I'LL...
TELL YOU IF YOU WIN.
BAM

?!

PLAY-
TIME
IS
OVER.

FLARE

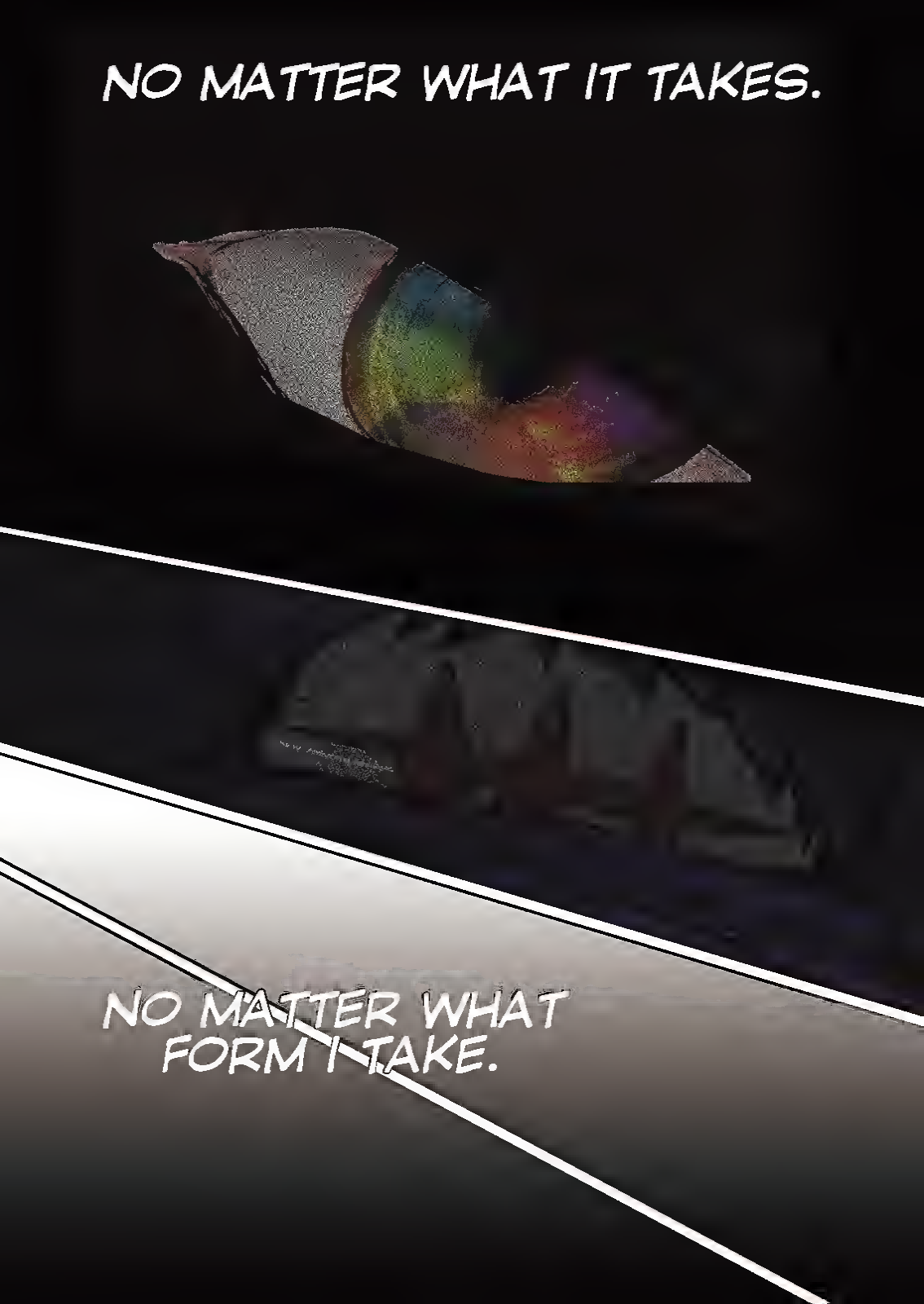

KA-BLAM
WHOA, WHOA. FIRST CHI, NOW IT'S FIRE?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HOT
あちち
HOT
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?!
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THAT INMATE. WHY DON'T YOU KNOW?
BURN

WELL, SHOW ME.
YOU CAN'T HIDE IT FOREVER.
WHIRL
THIS...
CAN'T BE!

IF I CAN GET ANY INFO ON THAT MAN.

I'LL DO ANY-THING FOR IT.

NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.



NO MATTER WHAT FORM I TAKE.

WHY DO YOU WAN-NA
FIND THAT MAN,
AND WHY DO YOU WANNA UNLOCK THAT SHACKLE?
ONCE THEY SEE THIS EVERY-ONE WILL BELIEVE...

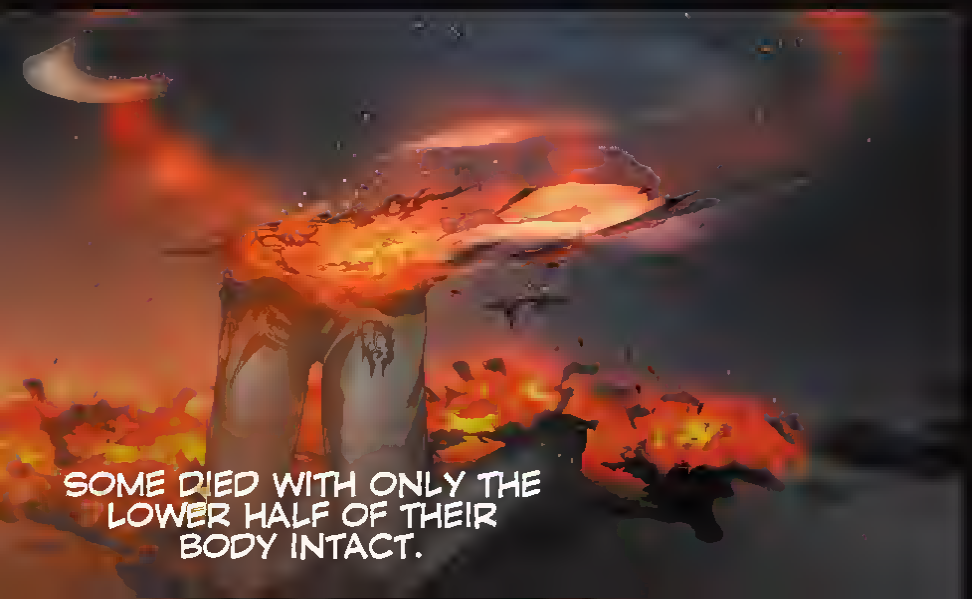
...HE IS...

...DEFINITELY...

A MONSTER.

SPONTANEOUS HUMAN COMBUSTION

A PHENOMENON WHERE A HUMAN BODY BURSTS INTO FLAME.



MANY THEORIES HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO EXPLAIN THIS PHENOMENON.

PLASMA IGNITION THEORY,
THE WICK EFFECT,
PYROPHORIC CHEMICALS
IN THE GENES,
ETC.

CHAPTER 23:
TURBULENCE!!
THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT,
PART 9

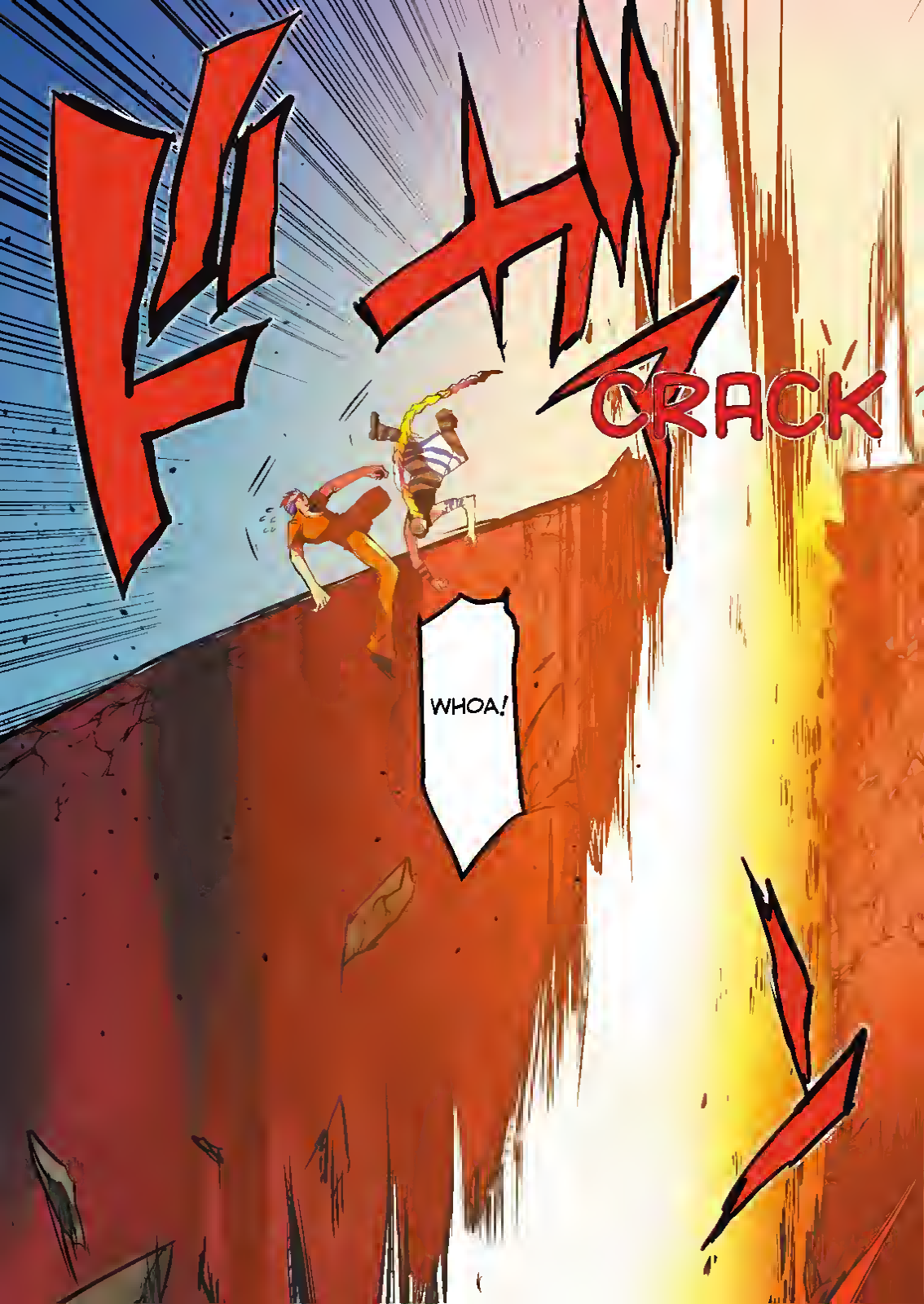
I WILL NOT FORGIVE HIM.
HE WHO BOUND ME FROM FREEDOM...

..AND TAMPERED WITH MY STRUCTURE.
I CANNOT FORGIVE THAT MAN.

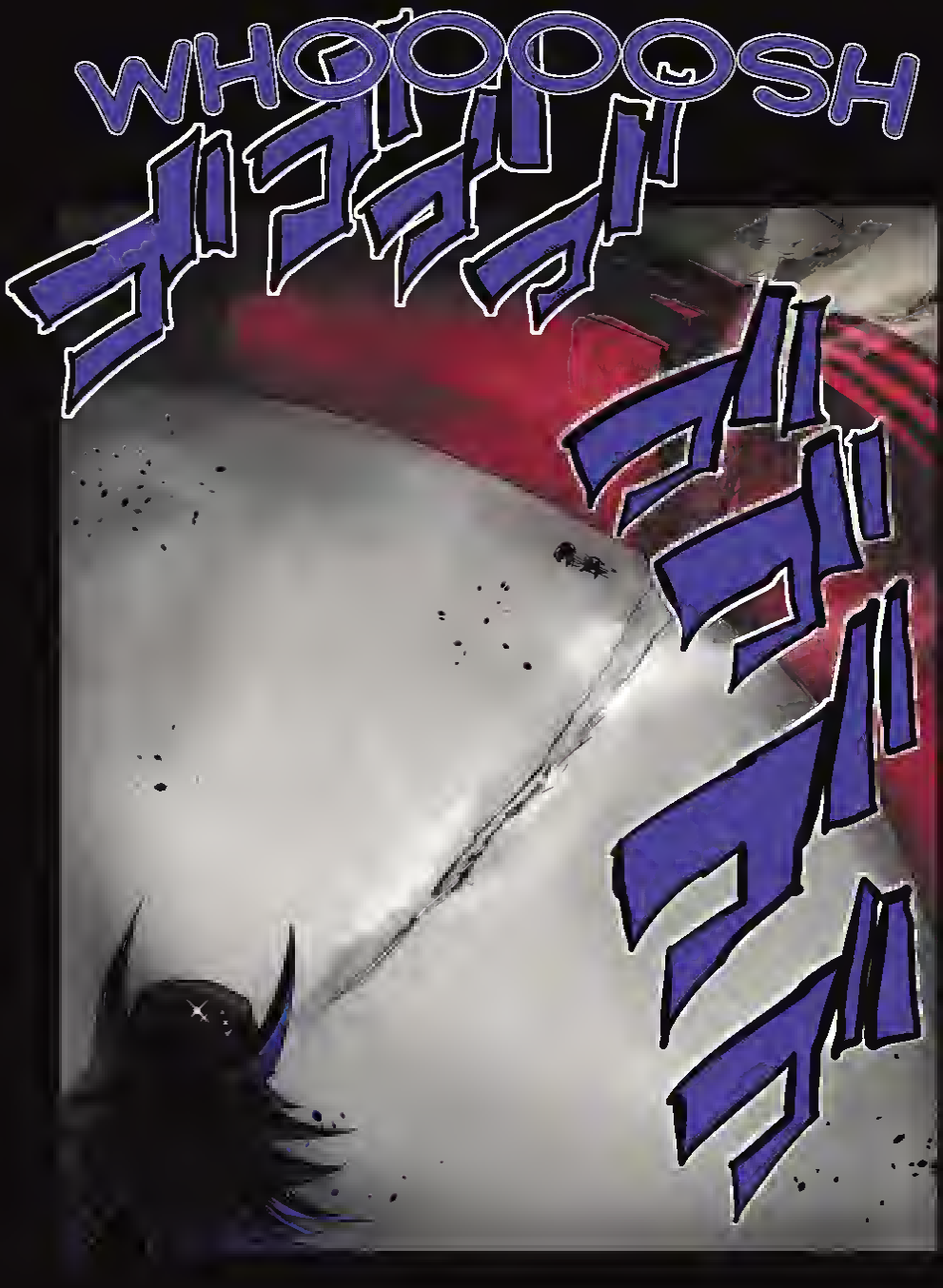
THUD
I'M BROKEN BECAUSE OF HIM.

IT'S ALL
HIS FAULT.

SLASH
CRACK
JUMP


CRACK
WHOA!

WHOA, WHOA, IS THIS FOR REAL?
OW!
LAND
ドシ!!
CRASH
GRIND
IS THAT.. JYUGO?


WHOOOOOSH
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NO. 15'S SHACKLES HAVE MUTATED?!
WHAT IS THAT FORM? A WEAPON? A HUMAN?
WHIRL
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF AN INMATE HAVING SUCH AN ABILITY.
JUST WHO THE HELL IS HE?!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO IN THIS SITUA-TION!
APPRE-HEND THOSE TWO!!
SHOUT
HALT

CHARGE

CAPTURE THEM AND REVEAL THEIR TRUE IDENTITIES!
THERE'S NO RHYME OR REASON TO THEIR POWERS.
JEEZ.

I REALLY DON'T WANT ANY INTERRUPTIONS.
I'M BEING SERIOUS RIGHT NOW.
WHIRL
I'LL PROVIDE ALL THE DATA YOU WANT.

BANG

JUMP
IN
FLARE
OFF
NOT BAD AT ALL.
AS EXPECTED FROM NANBA GUARDS.

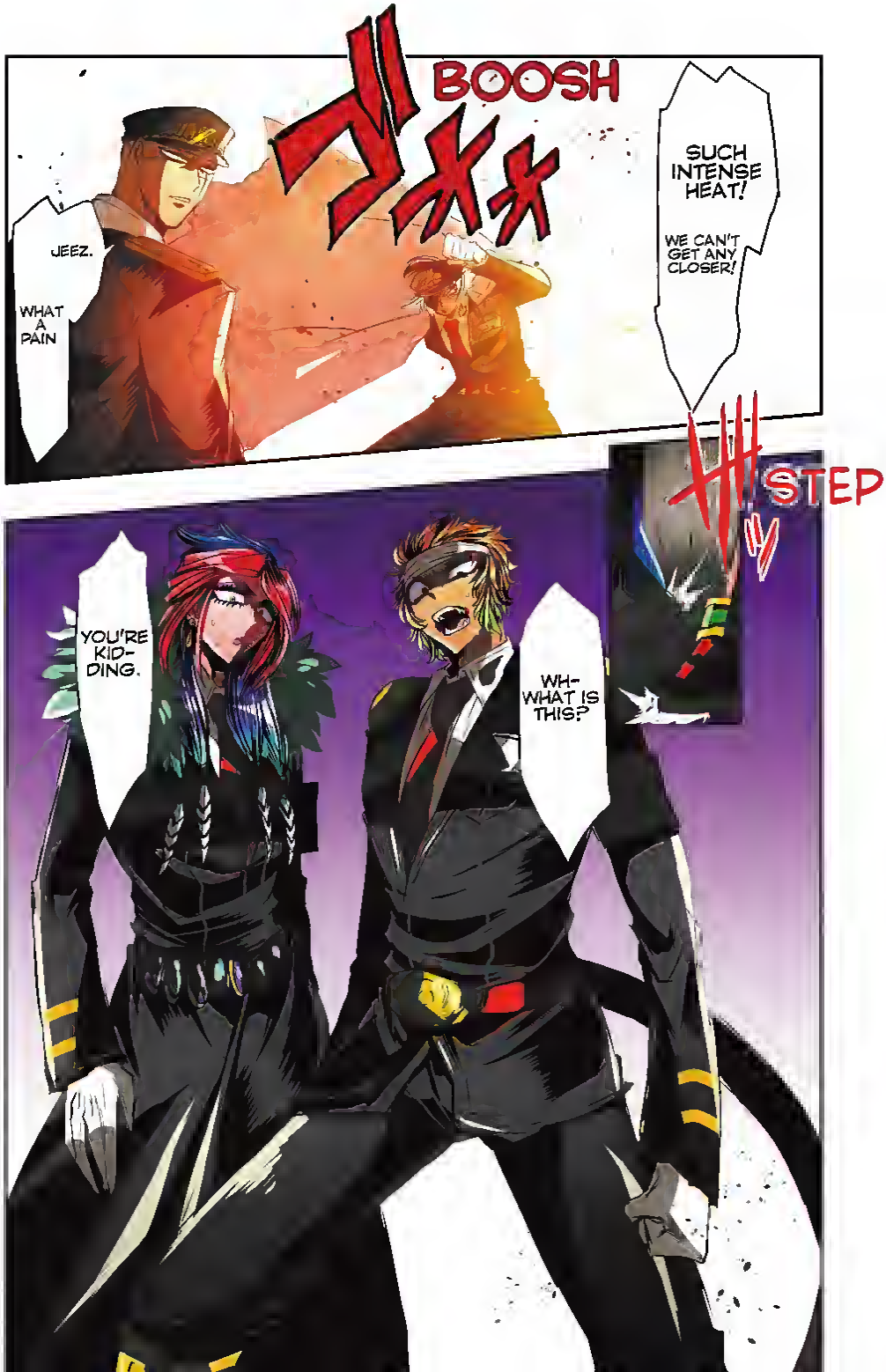
WHOOSH
SLASH
DODGE

TELL ME ABOUT THAT GUY. OR DO YOU WANNA LOSE YOUR ARM LIKE YOU LOST YOUR EYES?
I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN.
I WON'T LOSE ANY-THING ELSE.

THAT DAY...
SLASH
AAAA AAAA AG- GGH- HHHH!
AR- RR- RG- GG- HHH!

THE OTHER ONE GOT AWAY! AFTER HIM!
THERE HE IS! IT'S NO. 634! CAP-TURE HIM!
EVEN IF I LOSE THE LIGHT...
JYU-GO!!
ONE DAY, THAT SHACKLE...

I NEED TO HAVE IT.

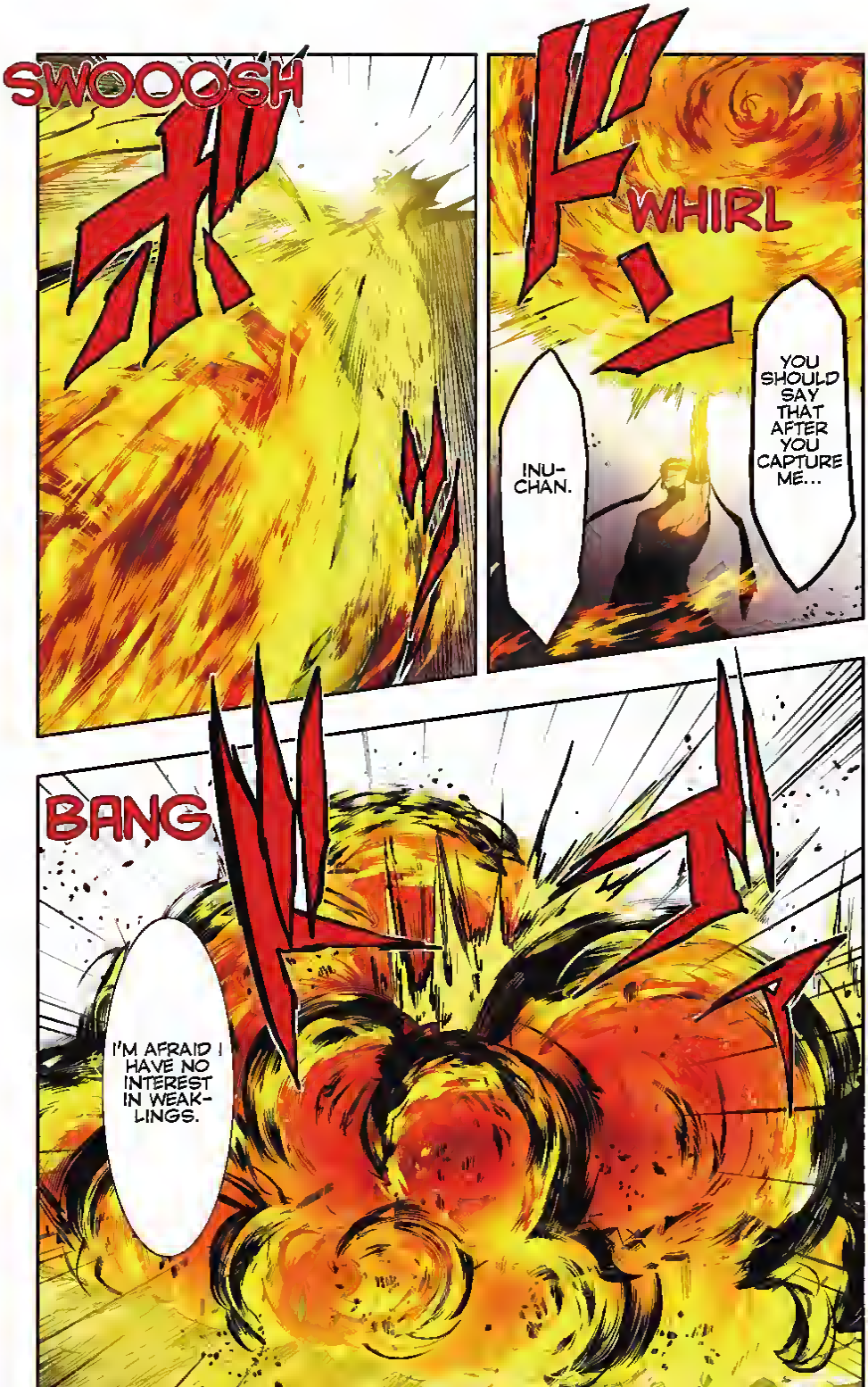

BOOSH
ゴオォ
JEEZ.
WHAT A PAIN
SUCH INTENSE HEAT!
WE CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER!
STEP
YOU'RE KID-DING.
WH-WHAT IS THIS?

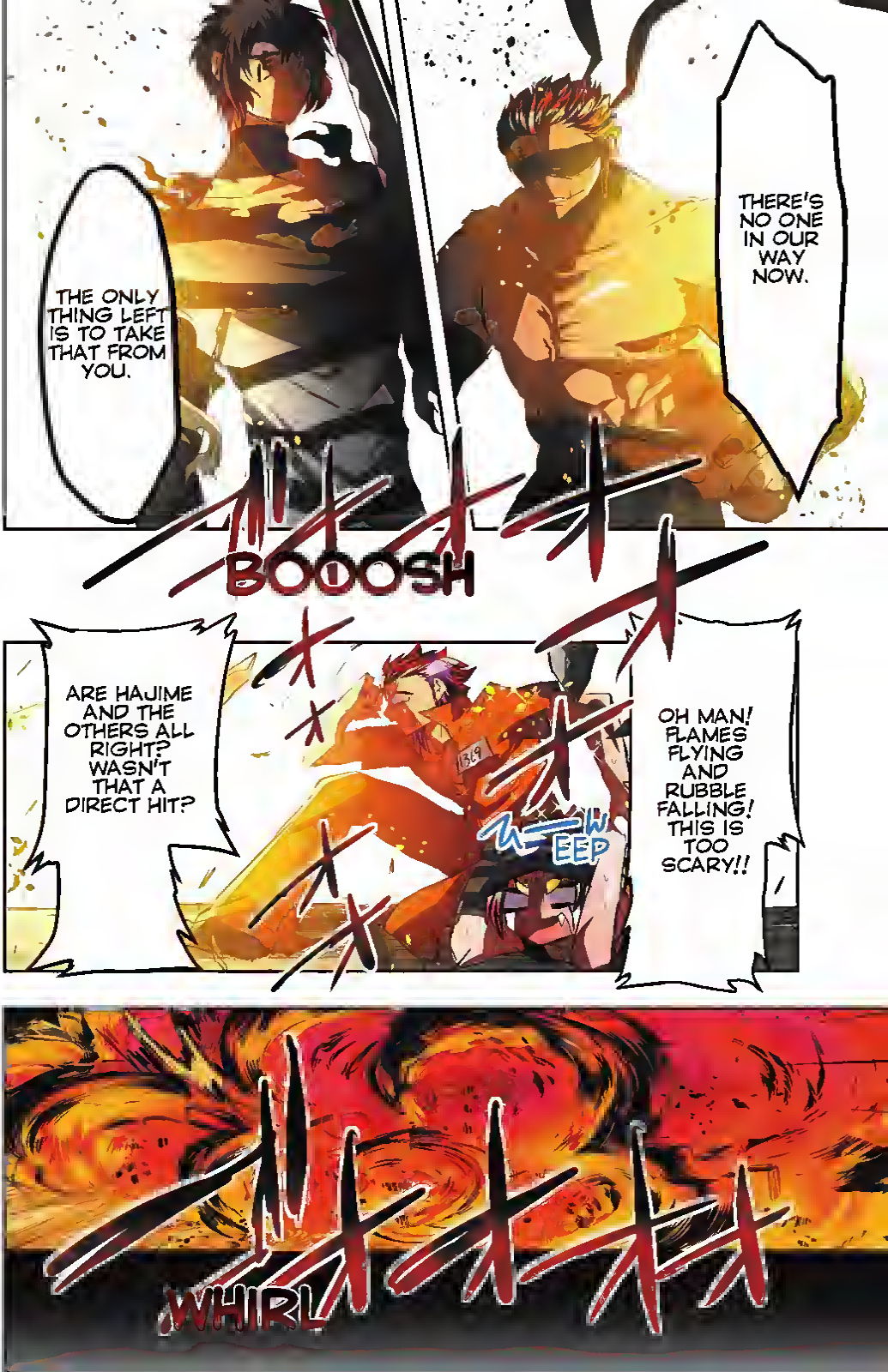
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! YOU GUYS GO AND HELP STOP THOSE TWO INMATES!
SWISH
WARDEN! WHAT IS GOING-

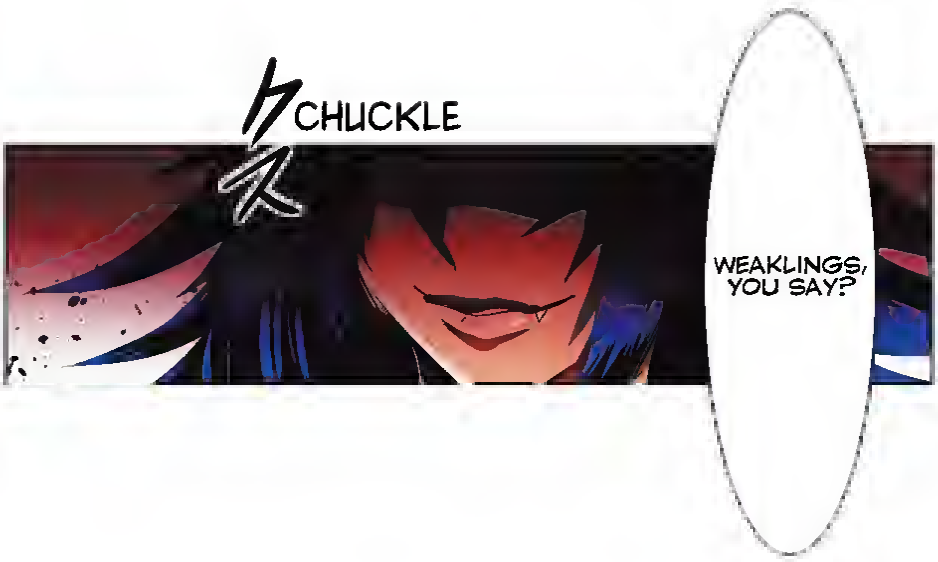
UNDER-
STOOD!!
SALUTE

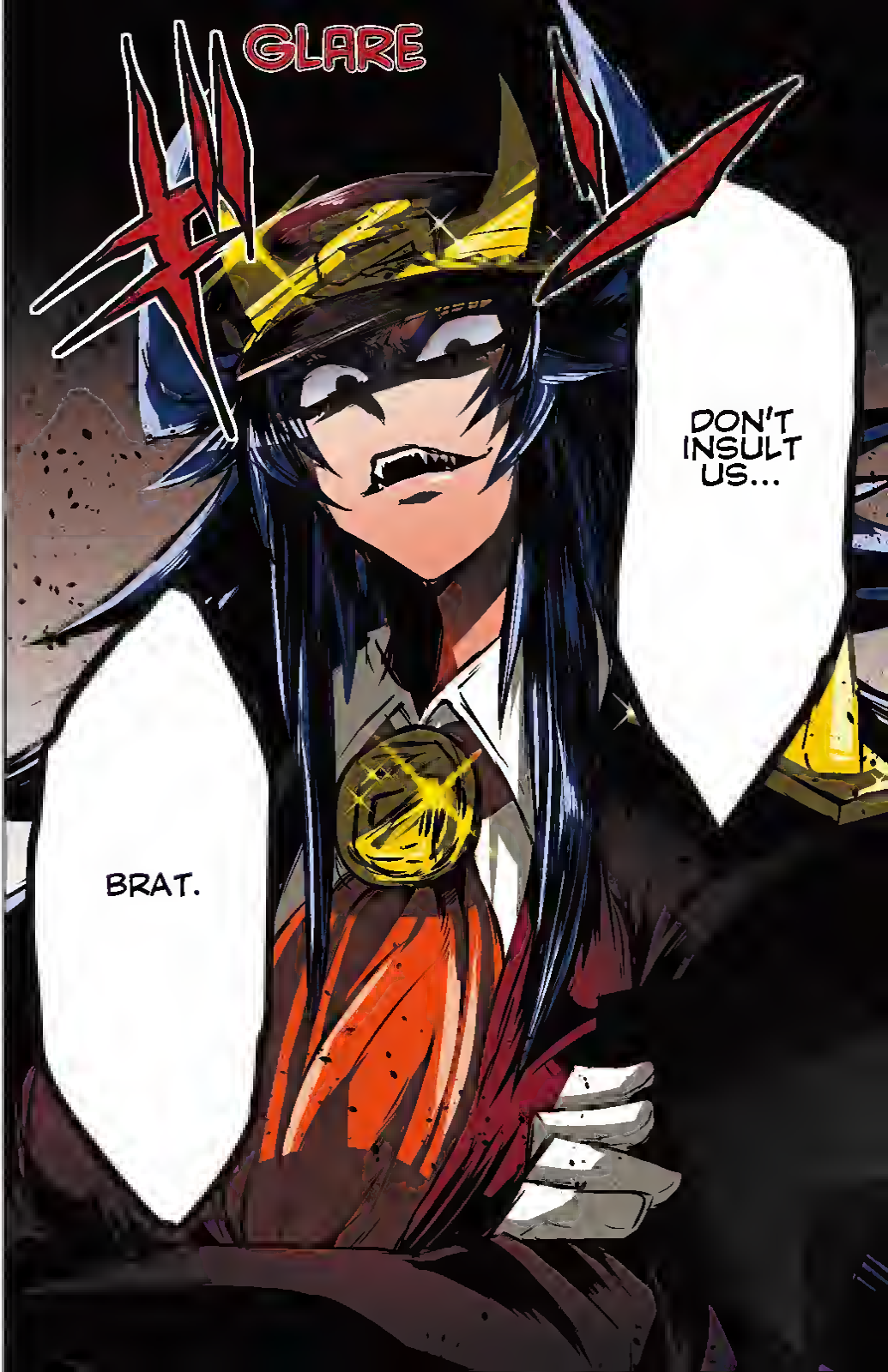
SMACK
WHIP
!!

THAT'S ENOUGH, NO. 634!! ARE YOU TRYING TO COMMIT FURTHER CRIMES IN HERE?!
YOUR PUNISH-MENT WILL BE MORE SEVERE THAN SOLITARY CONFINE-MENT!
WHOOSH
IF YOU RETAL-IATE, YOU'LL...
OH, YES, YES.


SWOOOSH
WHIRL
INU-CHAN.
YOU SHOULD SAY THAT AFTER YOU CAPTURE ME...
BANG
I'M AFRAID I HAVE NO INTEREST IN WEAK-LINGS.

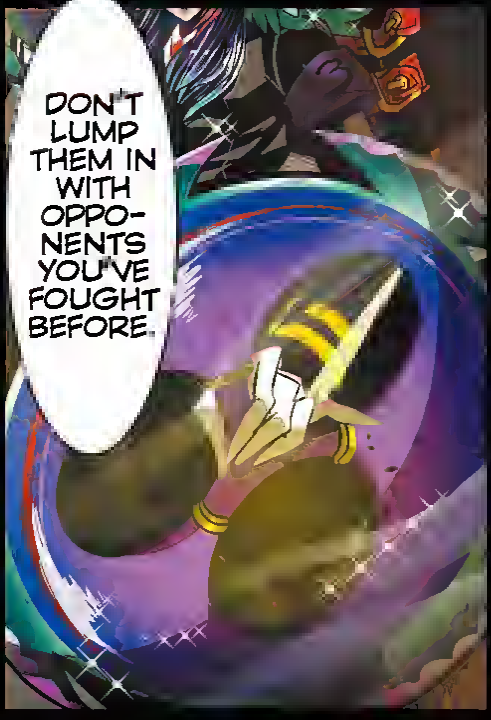

THERE'S NO ONE IN OUR WAY NOW.
THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO TAKE THAT FROM YOU.
BOOOSH
ARE HAJIME AND THE OTHERS ALL RIGHT? WASN'T THAT A DIRECT HIT?
OH MAN! FLAMES FLYING AND RUBBLE FALLING! THIS IS TOO SCARY!!
WEEP
WHIRL


CHUCKLE
WEAKLINGS, YOU SAY?

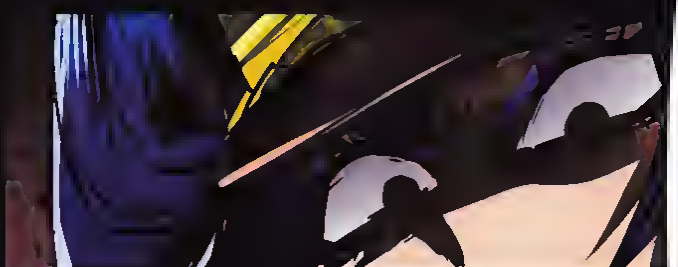

GLARE
DON'T INSULT US...
BRAT.

YOU'RE HERE IN NANBA PRISON.
YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST THE MOST TERRIFYING GUARDS IN THE TOUGHEST PRISON.

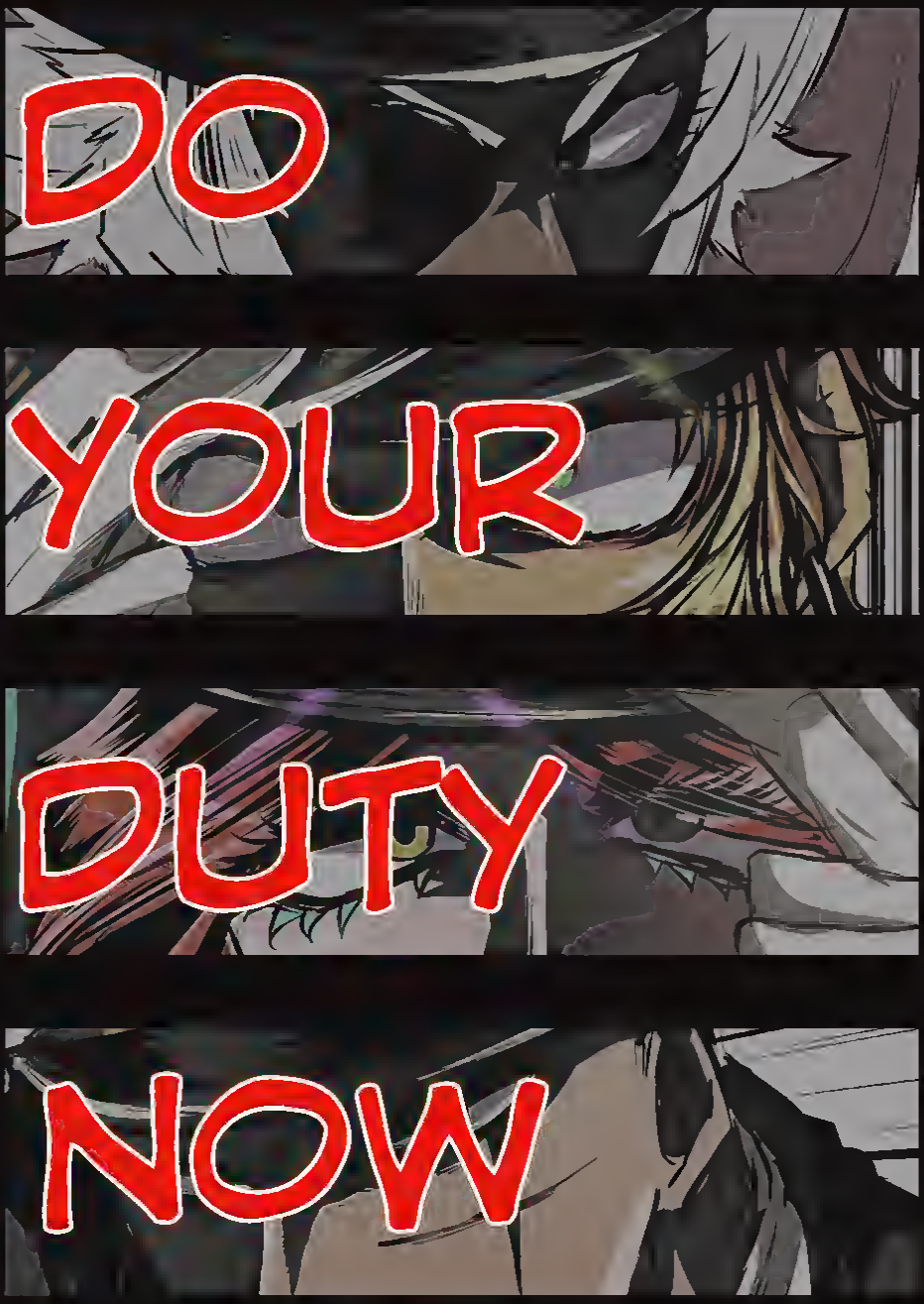
SERIOUSLY...


DON'T LUMP THEM IN WITH OPPO-NENTS YOU'VE FOUGHT BEFORE.

THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND IMPULSIVE PEOPLE.
BAM



IF WORDS CAN'T CONVINCE YOU, LET US SHOW YOU FIRSTHAND.

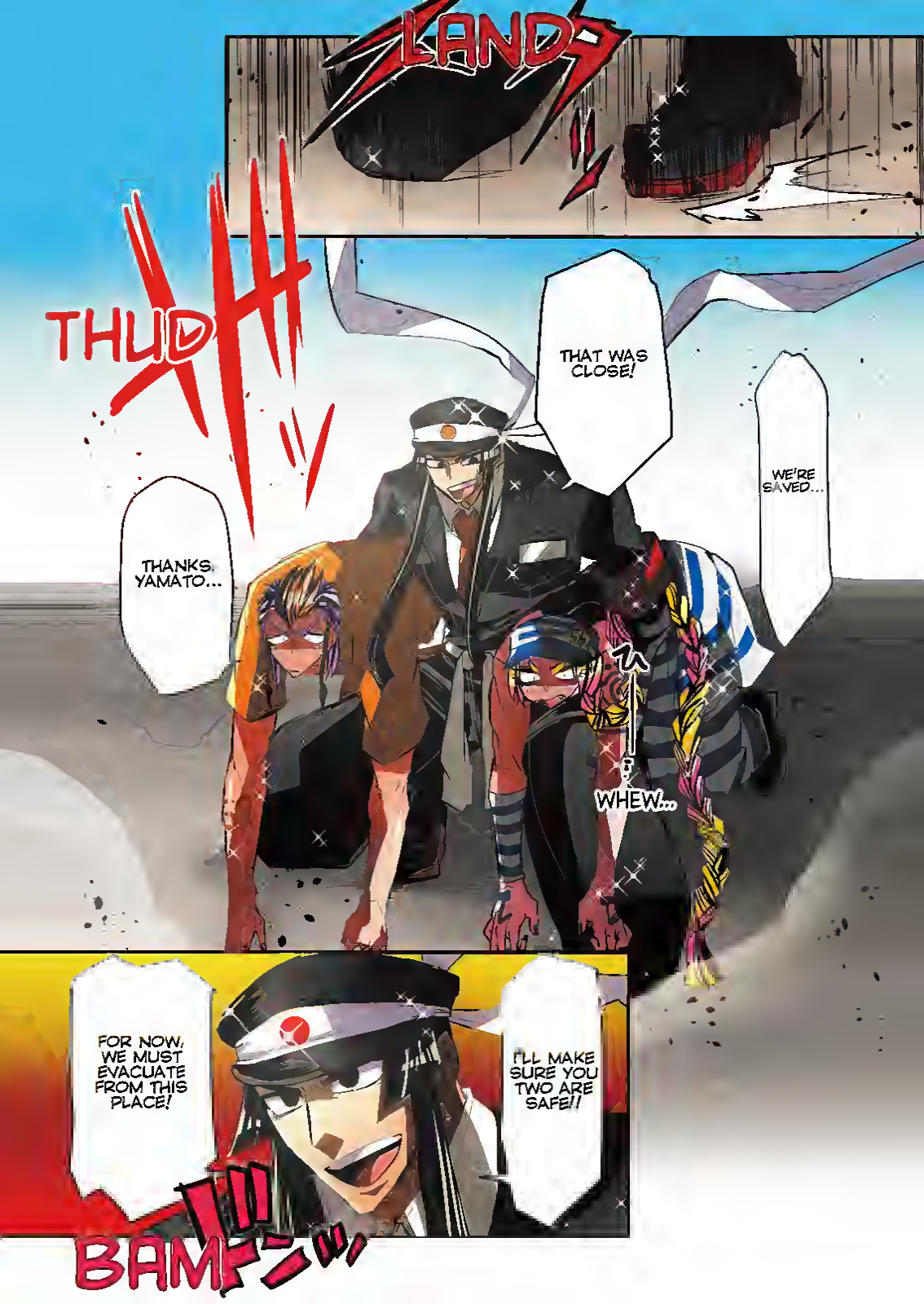

DO
YOUR
DUTY
NOW

CHAPTER 24:
TURBULENCE!!
THE NEW YEAR'S
TOURNAMENT, FINAL

POINT
THAT ANNOY-ING DUO IS LECTUR-ING US.
USE YOUR HEADS FOR ONCE!
YOU TWO! YOU GUYS!
HEY
3
YOU TWO ARE LIKE OIL AND WATER. YOU NEED OUR BACKUP, RIGHT?
5
OUR JOB IS TO APPRE-HEND THEM. YOU GUYS ARE TOO RECK-LESS.
13
WHO DO YOU GUYS THINK YOU ARE?!
I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU GET IN MY WAY.
DO YOUR BEST TO ASSIST US.
4

NO ONE CAN UNLOCK IT...
WHIRL
IT'S EASIER THAN CUTTING YOU UP, RIGHT?
SO I THOUGHT ABOUT IT. IF I TURN YOU INTO ASH, I CAN GET AHOLD OF IT.
I'LL KEEP IT AS A MEMENTO.

WHOOSH
WOOAAAH! IT'S COMING AGAIN!!
AAAACK
PANG


LAND
THUD
THAT WAS CLOSE!
WE'RE SAVED...
THANKS, YAMATO...
WHEW...
FOR NOW, WE MUST EVACUATE FROM THIS PLACE!
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU TWO ARE SAFE!!
BAM

ISN'T THIS BAD, THOUGH? IF HE KEEPS THIS UP, WON'T HE BE SENT TO SOLITARY?
I'M PERPLEXED AS WELL. BUT I'M SURE THE SUPERVISOR WILL HANDLE NO. 15-KUN.
HOLD ON! WHAT ABOUT JYUGO?! I MEAN, WHAT THE HECK IS HAPPENING?!
WILL PROBABLY MEAN HE'LL BE SENT TO THE UNDER-GROUND CELL.
NO. FURTHER VIOLENCE AND RETALIATION AGAINST OTHER INMATES OR US PRISON OFFICIALS
THE UNDER-GROUND CELL?!
WHAT!?

EITHER WAY, HE'LL GET A HEAVIER SENTENCE, RIGHT?!
YES. ON TOP OF RETALIATION, THE USE OR CARRYING OF FLAMMABLE OR SHARP OBJECTS ARE ALSO SERIOUS VIOLATIONS. THOUGH I'M NOT CERTAIN IF HE'S TECHNICALLY USING "WEAPONS"...
YOU MEAN THE PLACE RUMORED TO HOLD CRIMINALS WHO COMMITTED SUPER SERIOUS CRIMES?! THAT'S NOT GOOD!

BUT AT THIS POINT, THEIR ACTIONS WILL DETERMINE EVERY-THING.
I HOPE THAT CAN BE AVOIDED.
YES. AT THIS RATE, THERE'S NO DOUBT THEY WILL BE SENT TO THE UNDER-GROUND CELL.

DASH
YEAH.
THEN WE BETTER STOP JYUGO QUICKLY, ROCK.
HEY! HOLD ON, YOU TWO!
KIJI,
I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU.

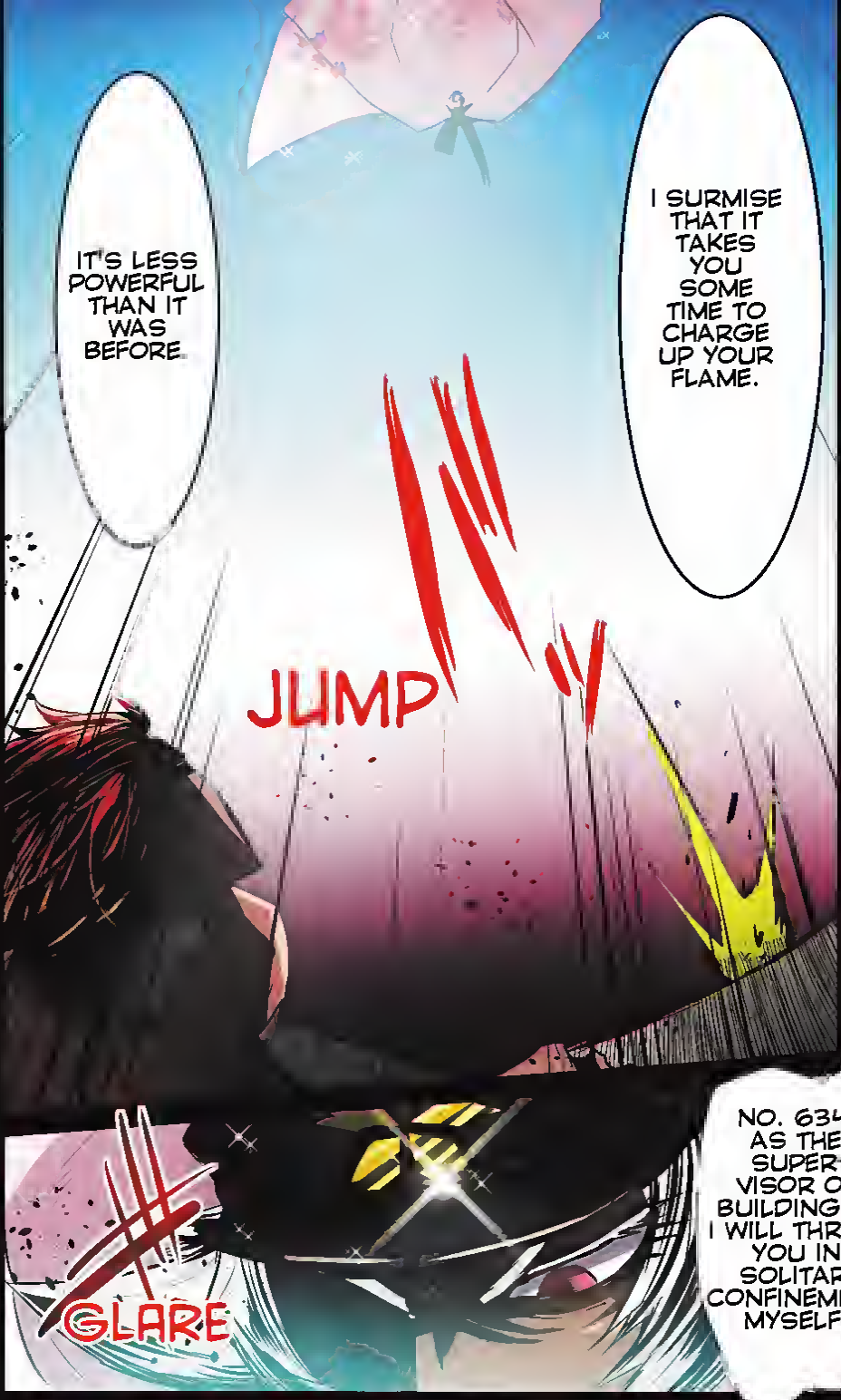
THUD
YES, YES.
GET BACK, ALL OF YOU.

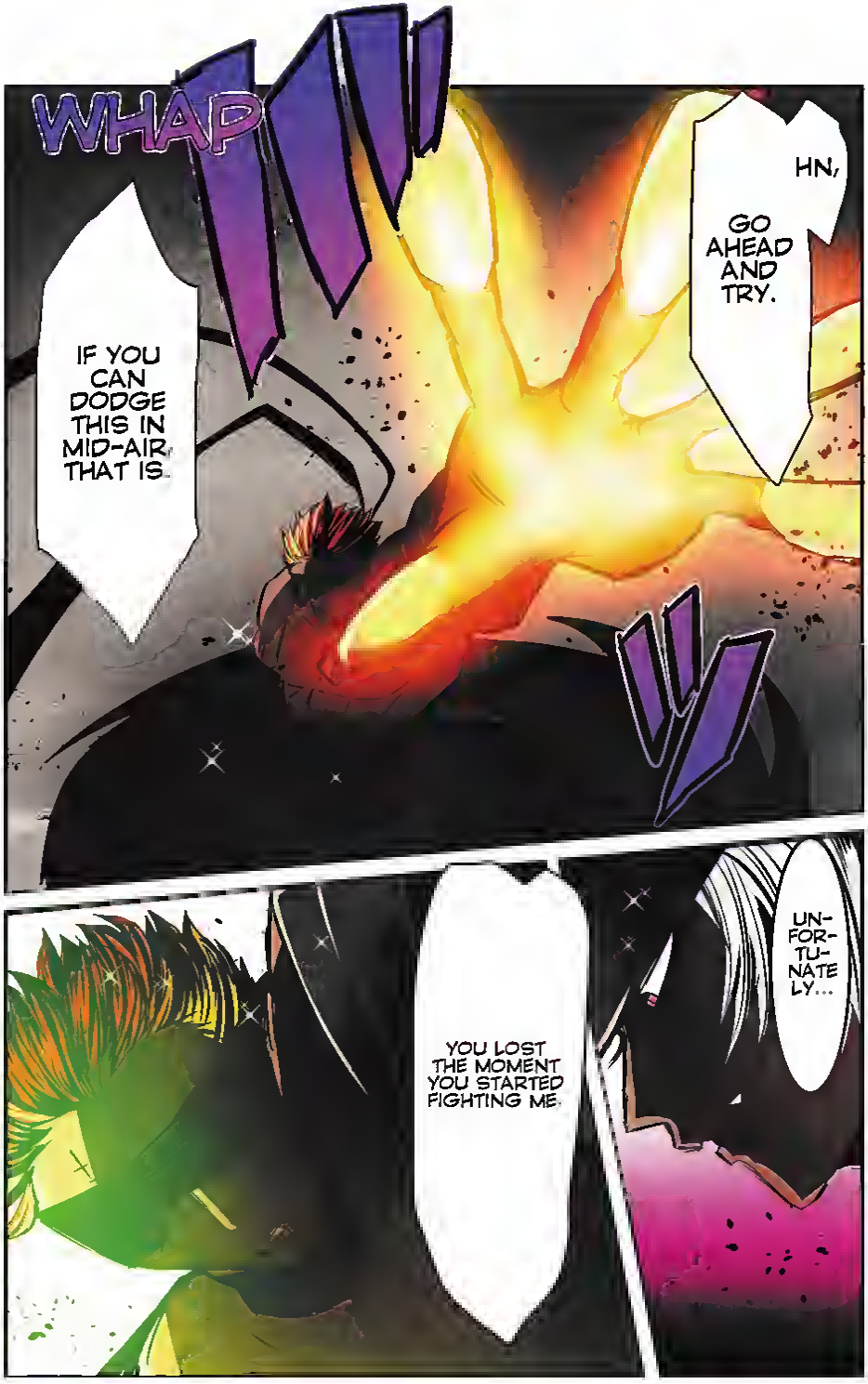
SWISH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS PUT TO WORK, SO I'M HONORED.
THIS IS MY EXPERTISE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHIRL

WHAT?!
TOO BAD.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE WHO CAN SHOOT FIRE. BUT YOUR OFFENSE STILL NEEDS IMPROVEMENT, I'M AFRAID.
WHOOSH
HAJIME,
YOU GO GRAB NO. 15. LEAVE THIS ONE TO US.
I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT.

SAMON.
GET READY. I'LL DISTRACT HIM UNTIL YOU ARE.
SHUT UP!! DON'T ORDER ME AROUND!!
DASH
SO ANNOY-ING.
VRRRRR

TSK.
SUCH A NUI-SANCE.
FLARE
WHIP
WHACK


I SURMISE THAT IT TAKES YOU SOME TIME TO CHARGE UP YOUR FLAME.
IT'S LESS POWERFUL THAN IT WAS BEFORE.
JUMP
GLARE
NO. 634, AS THE SUPER-VISOR OF BUILDING 4, I WILL THROW YOU IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT MYSELF.


WHAP!!!
HN,
GO AHEAD AND TRY.
IF YOU CAN DODGE THIS IN MID-AIR, THAT IS.
UN-FOR-TU-NATE LY...
YOU LOST THE MOMENT YOU STARTED FIGHTING ME.

SHOOM

TH...
THIS IS NOTHING!

MY CAGE WILL EXPLODE WHEN ATTACKED.
WHILE HIS WEAPON NEUTRALIZES ATTACKS.
LIKE KIJI'S WEAPON THIS WAS ESPECIALLY MADE.
SHOOT IF YOU CAN.
BUT A WORD OF WARNING.

YOU'LL LOSE BECAUSE YOU WERE OVERCONFIDENT.
ALTHOUGH YOU CAN CONTROL FIRE, YOU'RE STILL MADE OF FLESH AND BLOOD.
SO, THROWING FIRE FROM SUCH A CLOSE RANGE IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.

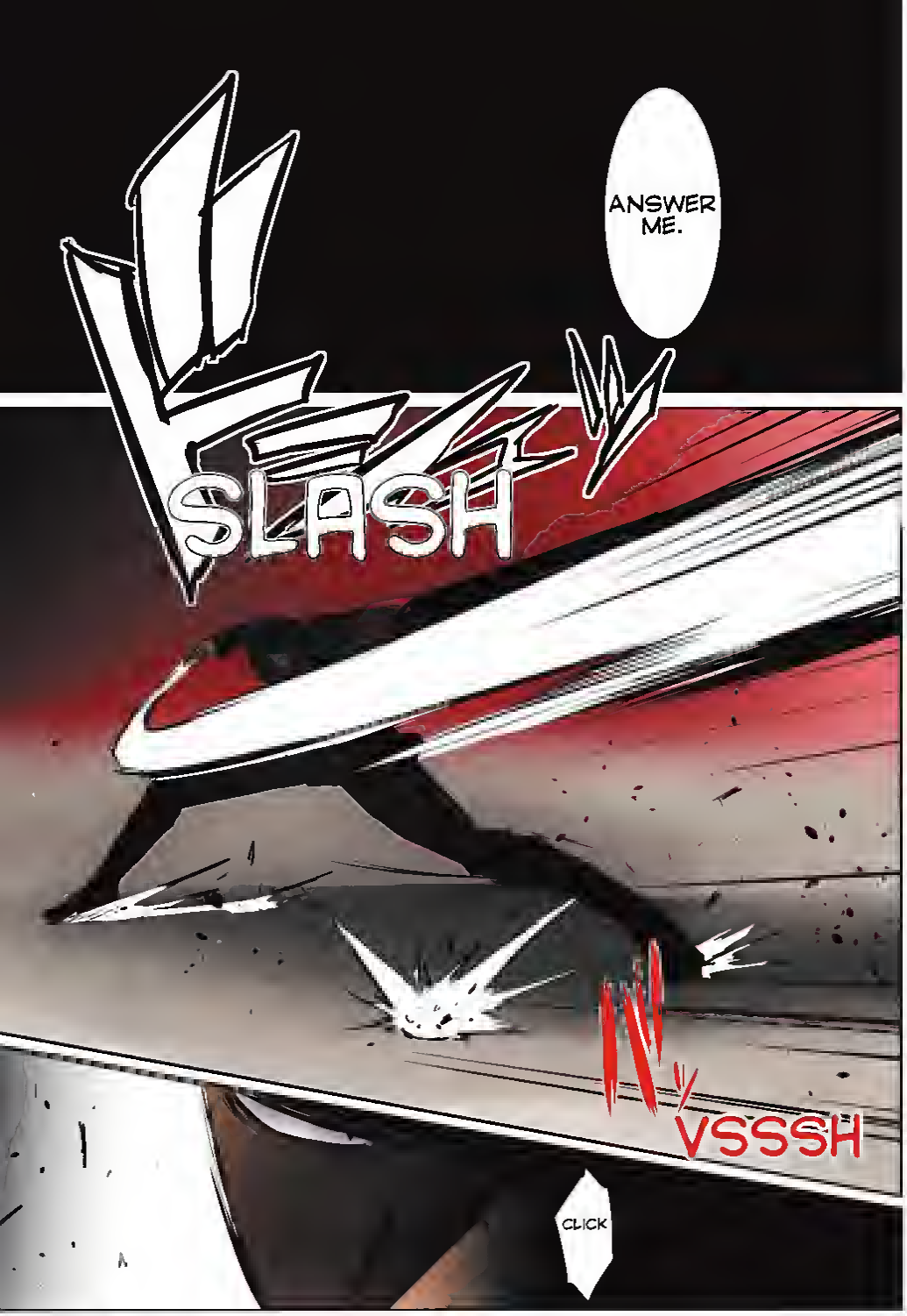
YOU'RE ALREADY IN OUR CAGE.

BAM
INMATE APPREHENDED.

EVEN A SAVAGE BEAST WILL BE CALMED FOR A TIME.
THERE ARE ANESTHETIC NEEDLES LODGED IN MY WHIP.
KEH!
GRIND
CLANG
I KNEW I WAS RIGHT TO BE SUSPI- CIOUS OF YOU.
STEP

CLACK
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU SPILL EVERY-THING.
BANG
BANG

SWISH
WHAT ARE YOU AFTER?
YOU FINALLY REVEALED YOUR TRUE NATURE.


ANSWER ME.
SLASH
VSSSH
CLICK

GET BEHIND JYUGO AND GRAB HIS RIGHT ARM FIRST!
ROCK!!
SLIDE
GRAB
GOT IT.
YOUR APPEAR-ANCE MAY HAVE CHANGED BUT NOT YOUR HABITS.

IF YOU DON'T STOP THIS, YOU'RE GONNA GET IN SERIOUS TROU-BLE.
FOR GOD'S SAKE, COOL IT, JYUGO.
PLUS, YOU'RE SLOW ON YOUR FEET.
I KNOW EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU, JYUGO-CHAN.

SHOVE
H-HEY, JYUGO?
YOU SERI-OUS?

WHOOOSH
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE THE HELL IS HE?

WHERE...
IS HEEEEEEEEE?!

WE'RE SAVED.
H-HAJIME...
ADMIRE

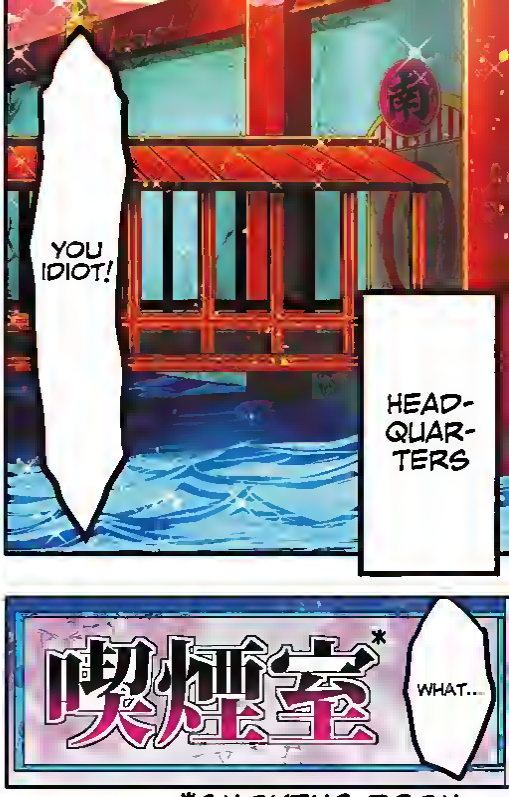
POW

CRACK
SNAP
BAM
POP
BREAK
EH...?
COUGH
SPLATTER

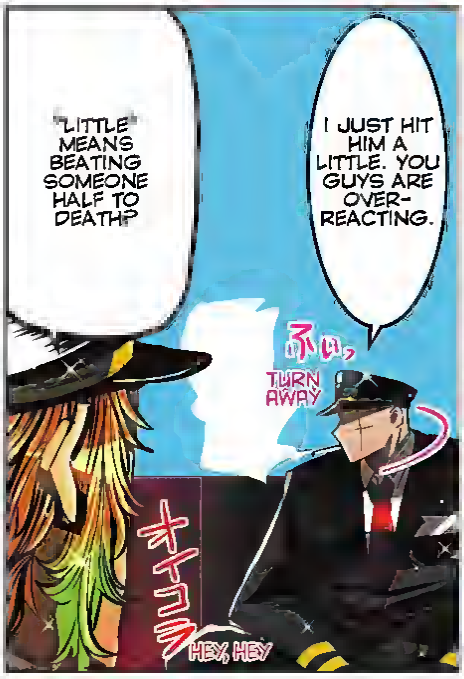
YO... HAJIME...
ISN'T THAT A BIT... EXCESSIVE?
SHUT UP.
YOU'RE WAY OUT OF LINE.
STAY OUT OF THIS.
I WILL DO MY DUTY.
COUGH
COUGH
CHOKE
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I ASSOCIATE WITH YOU LOT.
YANK
AND DISCOVERING THIS GUY'S IDENTITY IS ALSO MY JOB.

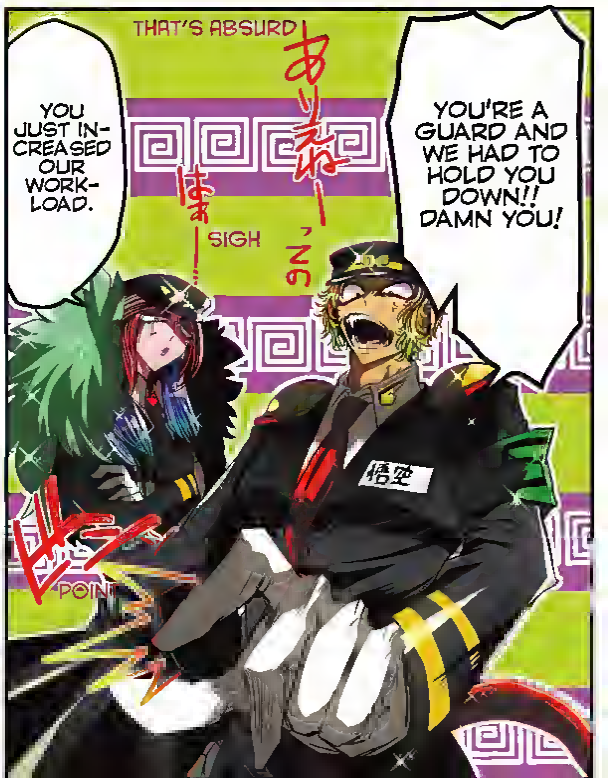
END OF THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT

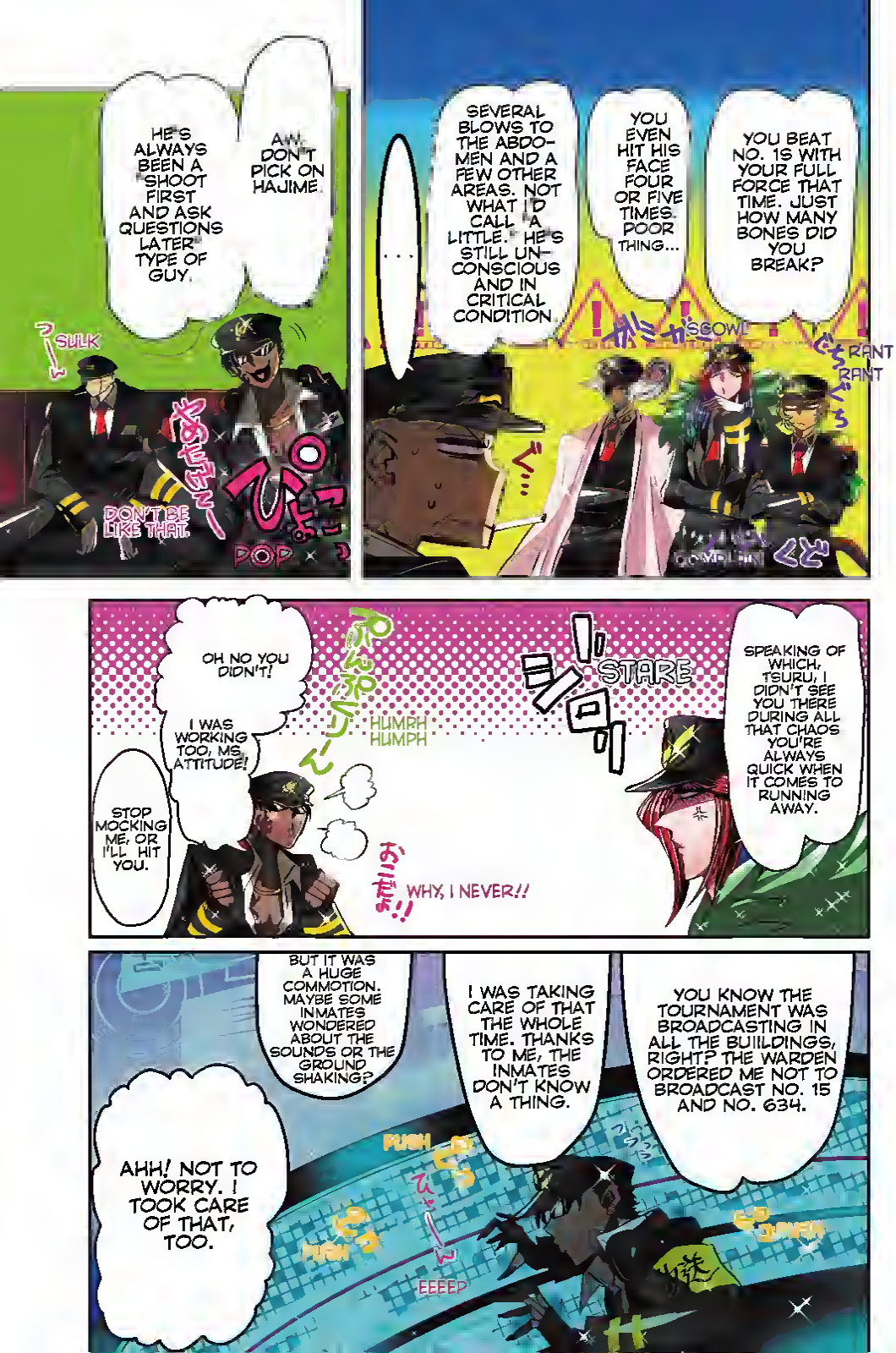
CHAPTER 25: IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO HIM, GO TO THE SMOKING ROOM



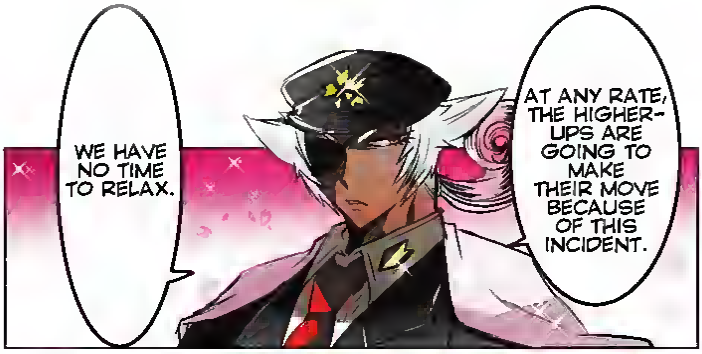
*SMOKING ROOM






AW, DON'T PICK ON HAJIME.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A "SHOOT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER" TYPE OF GUY.
SULK
DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
POP
...
SEVERAL BLOWS TO THE ABDOMEN AND A FEW OTHER AREAS. NOT WHAT I'D CALL A LITTLE. HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS AND IN CRITICAL CONDITION.
YOU EVEN HIT HIS FACE FOUR OR FIVE TIMES. POOR THING...
YOU BEAT NO. 15 WITH YOUR FULL FORCE THAT TIME. JUST HOW MANY BONES DID YOU BREAK?
SCOWL
RANT RANT
COMPLAIN
OH NO YOU DIDN'T!
I WAS WORKING TOO, MS. ATTITUDE!
STOP MOCKING ME, OR I'LL HIT YOU.
HUMPH HUMPH
STARE
WHY, I NEVER!!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, TSURU, I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE DURING ALL THAT CHAOS YOU'RE ALWAYS QUICK WHEN IT COMES TO RUNNING AWAY.
AHH! NOT TO WORRY. I TOOK CARE OF THAT, TOO.
BUT IT WAS A HUGE COMMOTION. MAYBE SOME INMATES WONDERED ABOUT THE SOUNDS OR THE GROUND SHAKING?
I WAS TAKING CARE OF THAT THE WHOLE TIME. THANKS TO ME, THE INMATES DON'T KNOW A THING.
YOU KNOW THE TOURNAMENT WAS BROADCASTING IN ALL THE BUILDINGS, RIGHT? THE WARDEN ORDERED ME NOT TO BROADCAST NO. 15 AND NO. 634.
PUSH
PUSH
PUSH
EEEEP
鉄

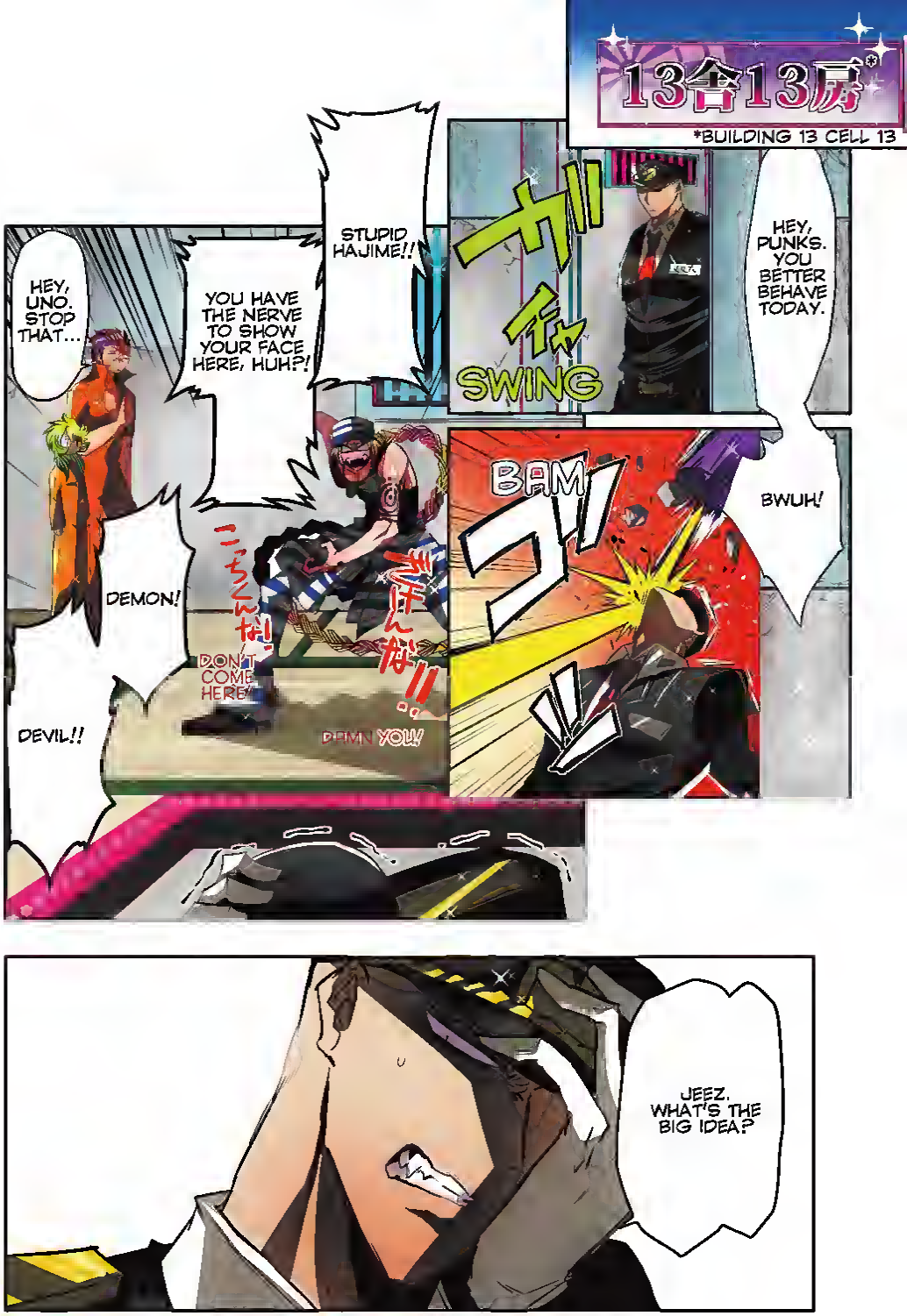
HUH? WHY JUST ME?
BUT THE TOURNAMENT WAS A MESS BECAUSE OF YOU. YOU'D BETTER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
ちょっとぉー
SHEESH
DAMN YOU!!
THEY WERE PROBABLY THINKING "I'M NOT GOING AGAIN!!"
HEY!!
ふざけろ!!
AND THE INMATES LOOKED CONVINCED.
I ANNOUNCED THAT THOSE FOUR STUPID GUARDS WERE FIGHTING AGAIN.
PISSED
DO YOU THINK PEOPLE CAN EAT WHILE LOOKING AT YOUR FACE DRIPPING WITH THE BLOOD OF THE VICTIM YOU NEARLY BEAT TO DEATH?!
MARCH MARCH
POINT
RANT
SHUT IT!! YOU MADE THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE MISERABLE BECAUSE YOU WENT BERSERK ON YOUR INMATE!!
RANT
GLOOM
HE WAS SAD?! IT LOOKED LIKE PURE RAGE TO ME!!
YEAH, HE DID LOOK VERY SAD.
TO TOP IT ALL OFF, THE WAY THAT CHEF FROM BUILDING 13 LOOKED!! IT WAS FRIGHTENING!!
NEW YEAR'S PARTY
WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A WONDERFUL AND LUXURIOUS FEAST AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT FELT LIKE SOMEONE'S WAKE!!
GLOOM


WE HAVE NO TIME TO RELAX.
AT ANY RATE, THE HIGHER-UPS ARE GOING TO MAKE THEIR MOVE BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT.

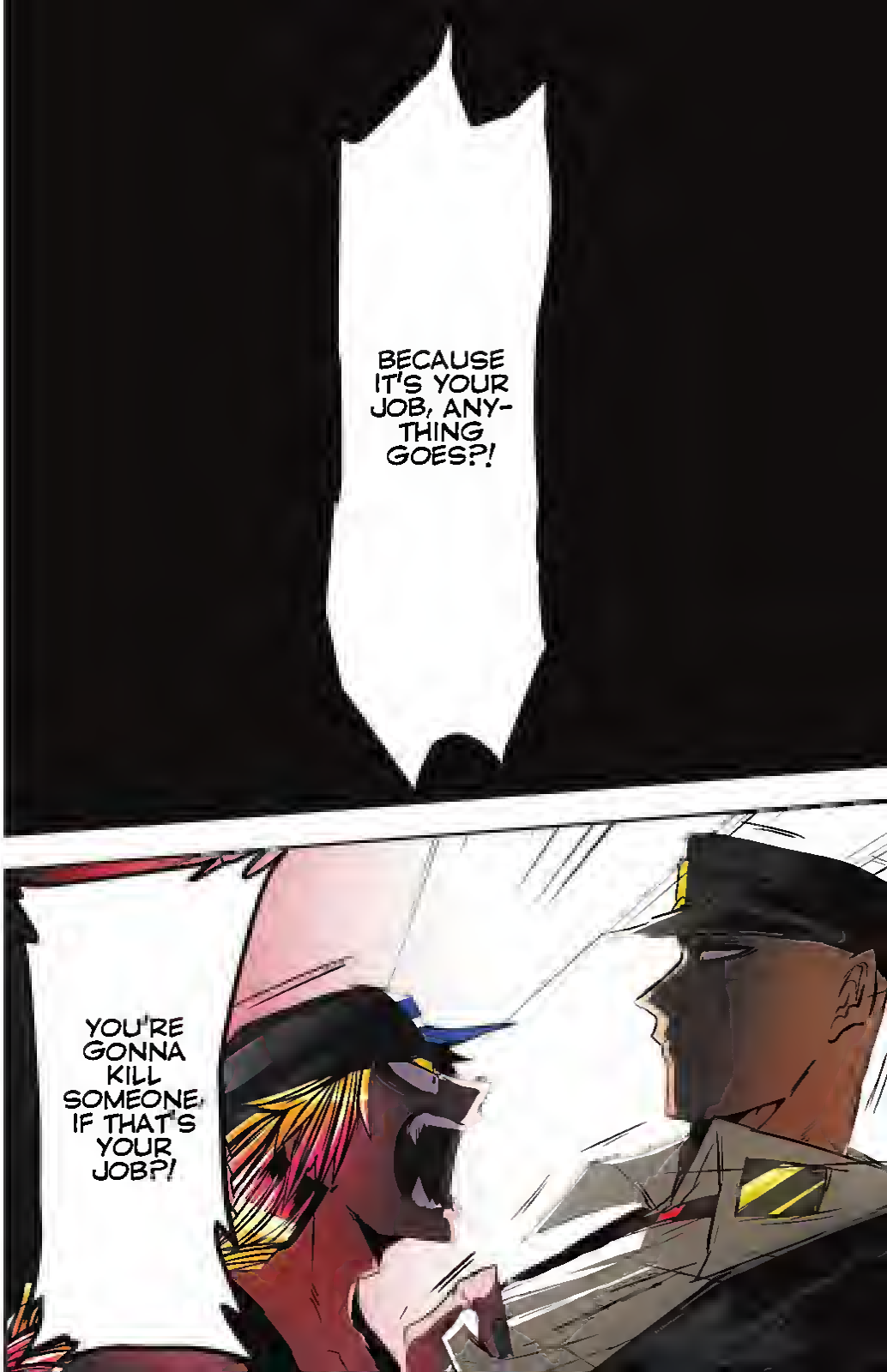
YOU CHOOSE NOW TO PICK A FIGHT? YOU ILL-TEMPERED GORILLA!
I DON'T WANNA HANG OUT WITH AN ANNOYING MONKEY AND A DRAG QUEEN FOREVER.
HN
WHICH REMINDS ME. I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MY BUILDING. I CAN'T LEAVE EVERYTHING TO YAMATO.
CLOSE

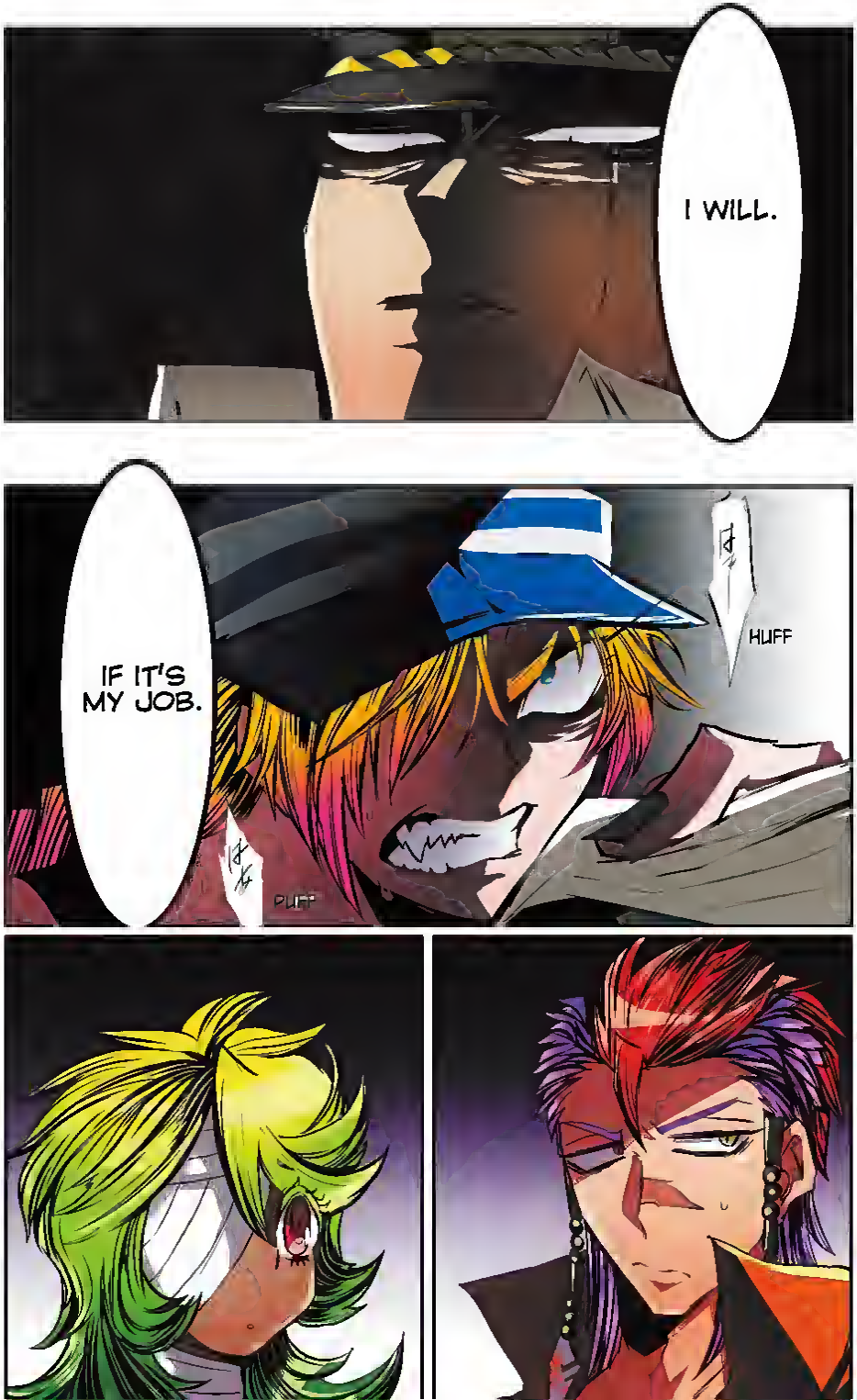
OH.

RUSTLE
I FORGOT TO GIVE HAJIME THIS.


13合13房*
*BUILDING 13 CELL 13
HEY, UNO. STOP THAT...
YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO SHOW YOUR FACE HERE, HUH?!
STUPID HAJIME!!
DEMON!
DEVIL!!
こっちくんな!
DON'T COME HERE!
ボケんな!!
DAMN YOU!
カチャ
SWING
HEY, PUNKS. YOU BETTER BEHAVE TODAY.
BAM
BWUH!
JEEZ. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

YANK
YOU TRIED TO KILL JYUGO, DIDN'T YOU?!
I HEARD HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS!!
BREAKING HIS BONES AND MAKING HIM VOMIT BLOOD... IS THAT HOW YOU DO THINGS?!
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?!


BECAUSE IT'S YOUR JOB, ANY-THING GOES?!
YOU'RE GONNA KILL SOMEONE, IF THAT'S YOUR JOB?!

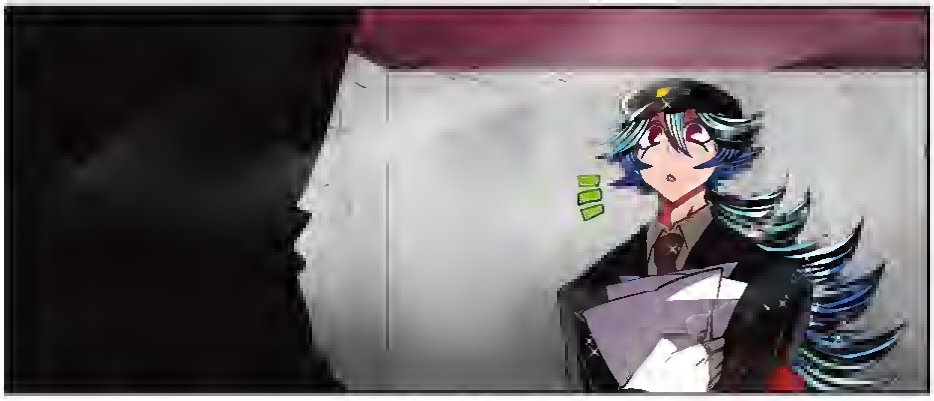

I WILL.
IF IT'S MY JOB.
HUFF
PUFF

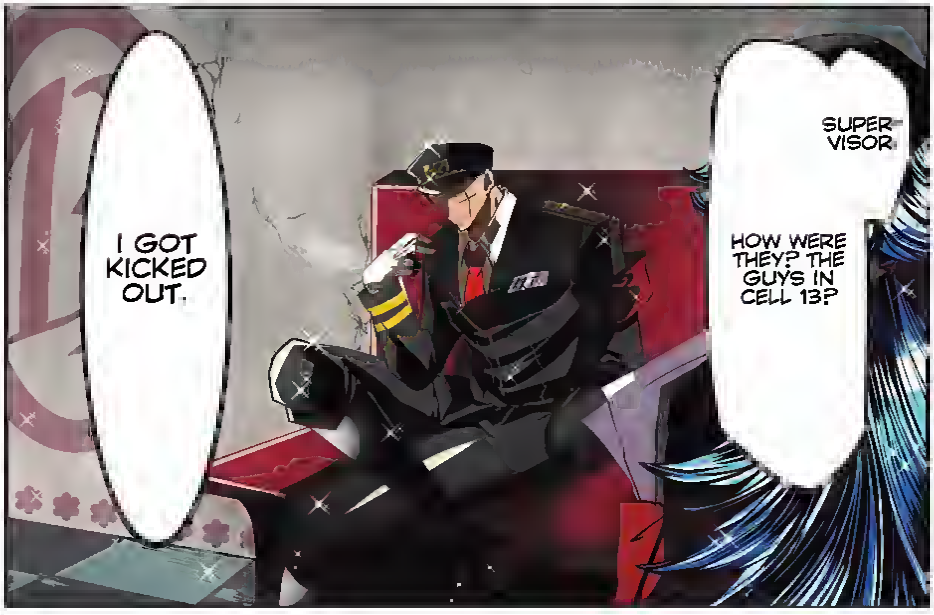
SLAP
HE'LL PROBABLY WAKE UP IN TWO OR THREE DAYS.
I DID GO OVERBOARD THIS TIME. I WASN'T TRYING TO KILL HIM.
BUT,

A STICK IN THE MUD AND HAS THE WORST HAND-WRIT-ING.
HE'S CLUE-LESS WHEN IT COMES TO REC-RE-ATIONAL ACTIVI-TIES
HE'S NOT GOOD AT MATH AND CAN'T PLAY ANY SPORTS.
HE CAN'T DO ANY-THING BESIDES ESCAPE FROM PRISON. THE IDIOT.
HE'S...

HE UNDERSTANDS PEOPLE.

IF YOU BELIEVE JYUGO...
...IS ONLY A MON-STER...
THEN I THINK YOU'RE THE ONE...
...WHO'S THE REAL MONSTER.




I GOT KICKED OUT.
SUPER-VISOR.
HOW WERE THEY? THE GUYS IN CELL 13?

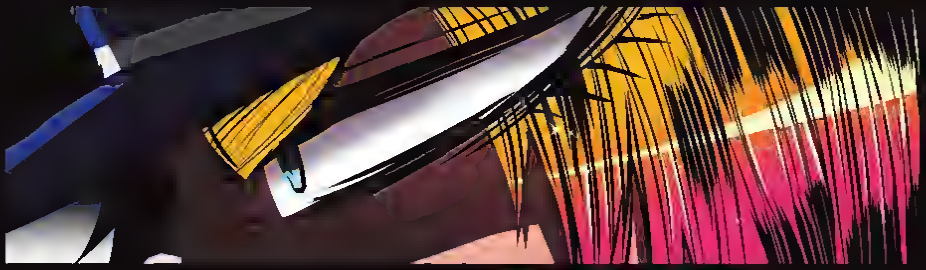
EH?!

THEY KICKED YOU OUT? THAT'S UNUSUAL.

AFTER CRITICIZING ME AS MUCH AS HE WANTED, HE TOLD ME TO "GET OUT."

THAT ARRO-GANT BRAT...

DO YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF NO. 15-KUN?

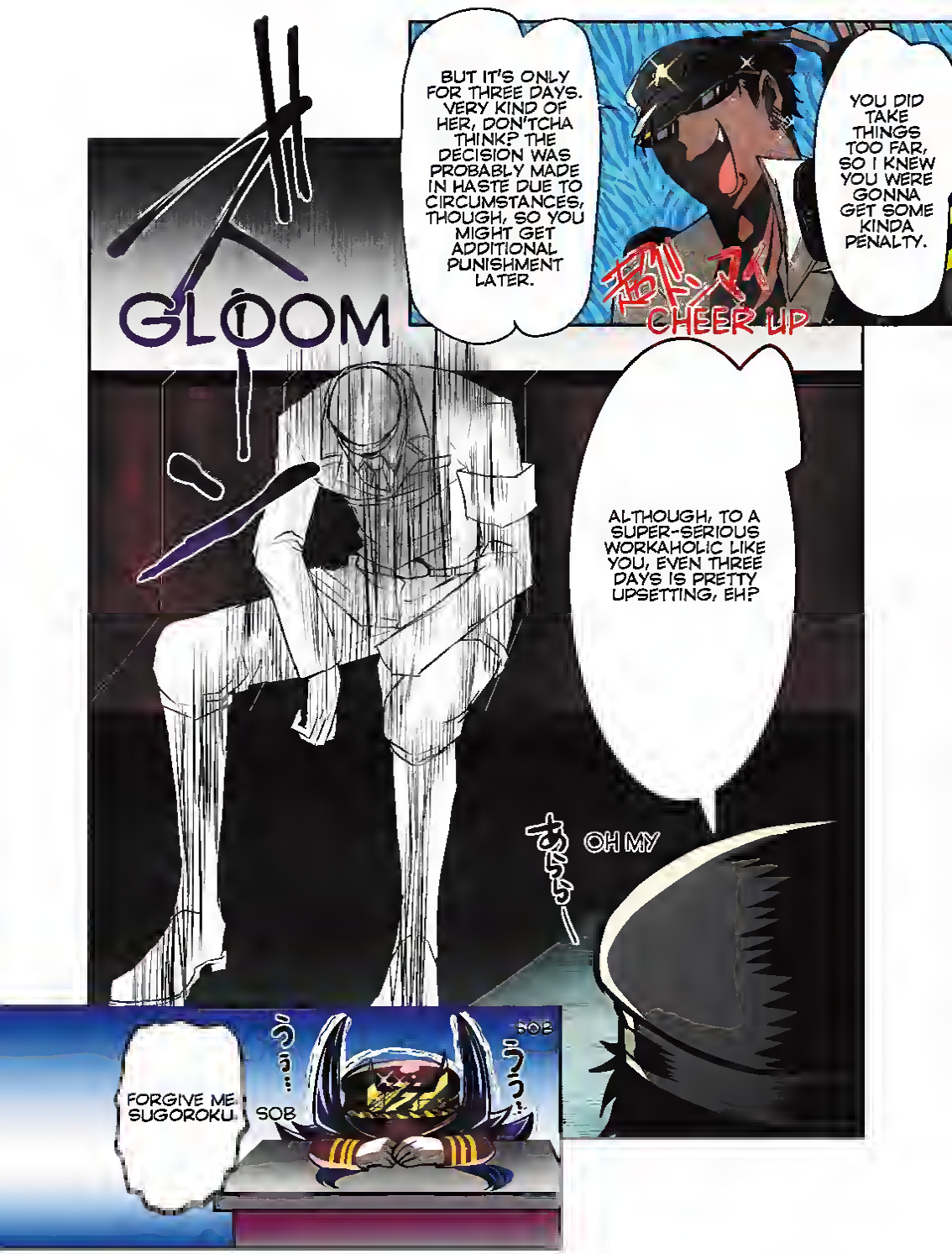


I KNEW I COULD NEVER LIKE...

THE GUARDS.

よーす
...HAJIME.
OH! THERE YOU ARE...
A LETTER FROM THE WARDEN.
KISS ちゅっ
THERE'S SOMETHING I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU.
WHAT IS IT, TSURU?
HUH?
A LETTER?

ALLOW ME TO READ IT.
OPEN
TO BUILDING 13'S SUPERVISING OFFICER, HAJIME SUGOROKU.
I HEREBY ISSUE A THREE-DAY SUSPENSION
双六


GLOOM
BUT IT'S ONLY FOR THREE DAYS. VERY KIND OF HER, DON'TCHA THINK? THE DECISION WAS PROBABLY MADE IN HASTE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES, THOUGH, SO YOU MIGHT GET ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT LATER.
YOU DID TAKE THINGS TOO FAR, SO I KNEW YOU WERE GONNA GET SOME KINDA PENALTY.
CHEER UP
ALTHOUGH, TO A SUPER-SERIOUS WORKAHOLIC LIKE YOU, EVEN THREE DAYS IS PRETTY UPSETTING, EH?
OH MY
FORGIVE ME, SUGOROKU.
SOB
SOB

END OF NANBAKA VOL. 3

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE ASKING TO BE CAUGHT.
NOT ONLY IS THE SECURITY TIGHT, BUT THERE ARE UNDERCOVER COPS EVERYWHERE.
MUNCH
あぐ
MUNCH
AT ANY RATE, YOU GUYS SURE ARE GUTSY, IF YOU'RE HEADING TO VEGAS.
EXTRA
ESCAPE B4 VOL. 3

THEN, BRING HIM HERE, NOW.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL RETURN THE MONEY ONCE I FIND MY PARTNER.
POINT
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU EATING THE FOOD I PAID FOR?!
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SO ANNOYING

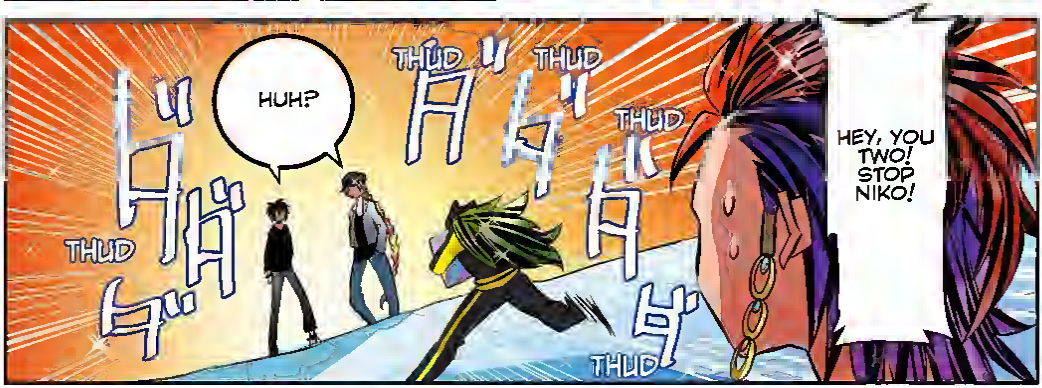
THIS IS THE PRODUCT YOU REQUESTED.
IF HE'S NOT AT A BOOK-STORE, I'M GUESSING HE'LL BE HERE AT THE TOY STORE.
LET'S SEE...
えーと…
WHY DO I HAVE TO SPEND MY MONEY ON A GUY?
DON'T GET YOUR PANTIES IN A TWIST, UNO.

UGH.
HE DIDN'T...
YAY! THANKS!
GAME
Thank You!
HEY, NIKO!
WHAT'S UP, ROCK?
YOU'RE WHAT'S UP! WHAT IS THAT? WHAT DID YOU BUY?!
A GAME.
POINT
WHA-?!

WE CAN BARELY AFFORD FOOD AND YOUR MEDICATION AT THE MOMENT!
GAME IS A NECESSITY TOO!
FOOD IS A NECESSITY!
BUT YOU USE LOTS OF MONEY ON FOOD! I WANNA USE MONEY ON SOMETHING I LIKE, TOO!
IDIOT! THAT'S OUR IMPORTANT ESCAPE FUND!
WHY ARE YOU WASTING IT?!
THEN, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WIN MORE MONEY BY FIGHTING!
YAP
YAP
YAP
YAP
YAP
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
LOOKS LIKE IT.
LOOKS LIKE HE FOUND HIM.

DASH
AGH!
TURN AWAY
ESCAPE

UUU UGH
NEVERMIND. JUST GO RETURN IT.
SQUEEZE


HUH?
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
HEY, YOU TWO! STOP NIKO!

BUMP
ドン
OH,
SORRY.
WHOA.
WHAT THE-
YOU GUYS OKAY?
JEEZ
ギュ
DAMN, HE GOT AWAY.
HUH...?
HE LOOKS FAMILIAR.
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LISP
SNIFF
SNIFF
OMG! WHAT'S UP WITH THAT BOY? HE JUST BUMPED INTO US, HOW RUDE!
I KNOW! BUT I THINK I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE
OH, EEZ
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WHO WAS IT?
...
15
...
OHH... YOU GUYS PROBABLY CAUGHT IT...
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!!
STOP TALKING... YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT
WHAT?! WHAT IS THIS?! WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHY ARE WE TALKING LIKE DRAG QUEENS?
EERIE!
STAY AWAY...
EEEK!!!
CREEPY
UGH...
GYY YAA AAA AAA AH!!

SICK PERSON
CAUGHT IT?!
HE'S... NIKO HAS LOTS OF ODD DISEASES
THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH HARMLESS, BUT ALL THE SYMPTOMS ARE WEIRD THAT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THEM
IT'S INTENSE
THEN
HOW DO WE CURE IT?!
BEEP
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?! ONLY NIKO KNOWS ABOUT HIS DISEASES!
ALL RIGHT THEN! WE MUST CATCH THIS NIKO KID AND ASK HIM FOR THE CURE, ASAP!
LET'S GO, JYUGO!
G... GOT IT, GIRL!
THIS IS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT...
ARGH...
TURN
GRIP
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP

GYAAAAHH! A GUY WITH A LISP IS COMING AFTER MEEEEEE!!
I'M SCARED!
THUD
YOU BETTER TELL ME OR I'LL SLAP YOU SILLY!!
YOU, THERE! TELL ME HOW TO CURE THIS DISEASE!
THUD
THUD
EH?!
GRAB
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!
GO GET HIM, JYUGO!
TOSS
KYAA AAAA AAH!
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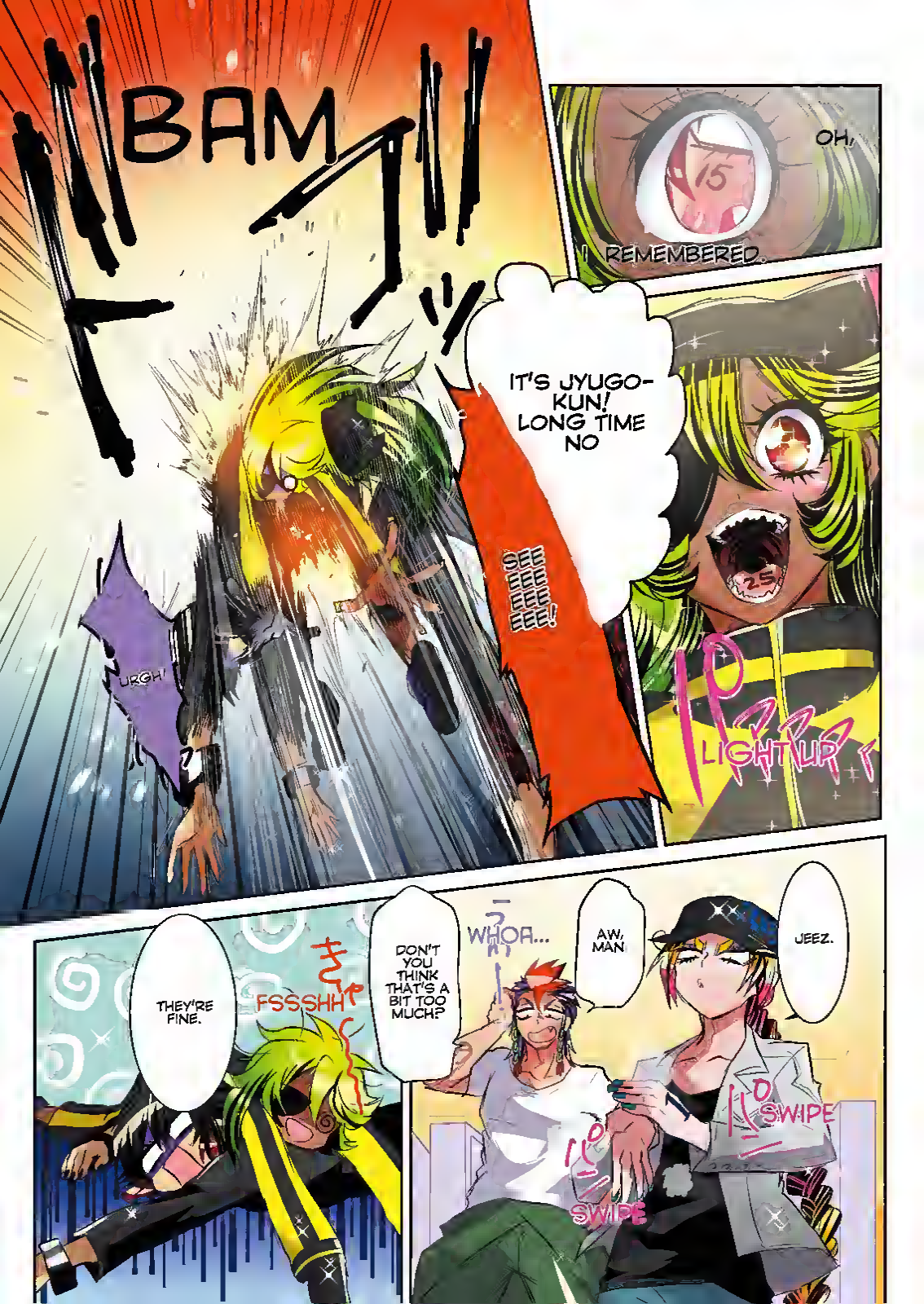
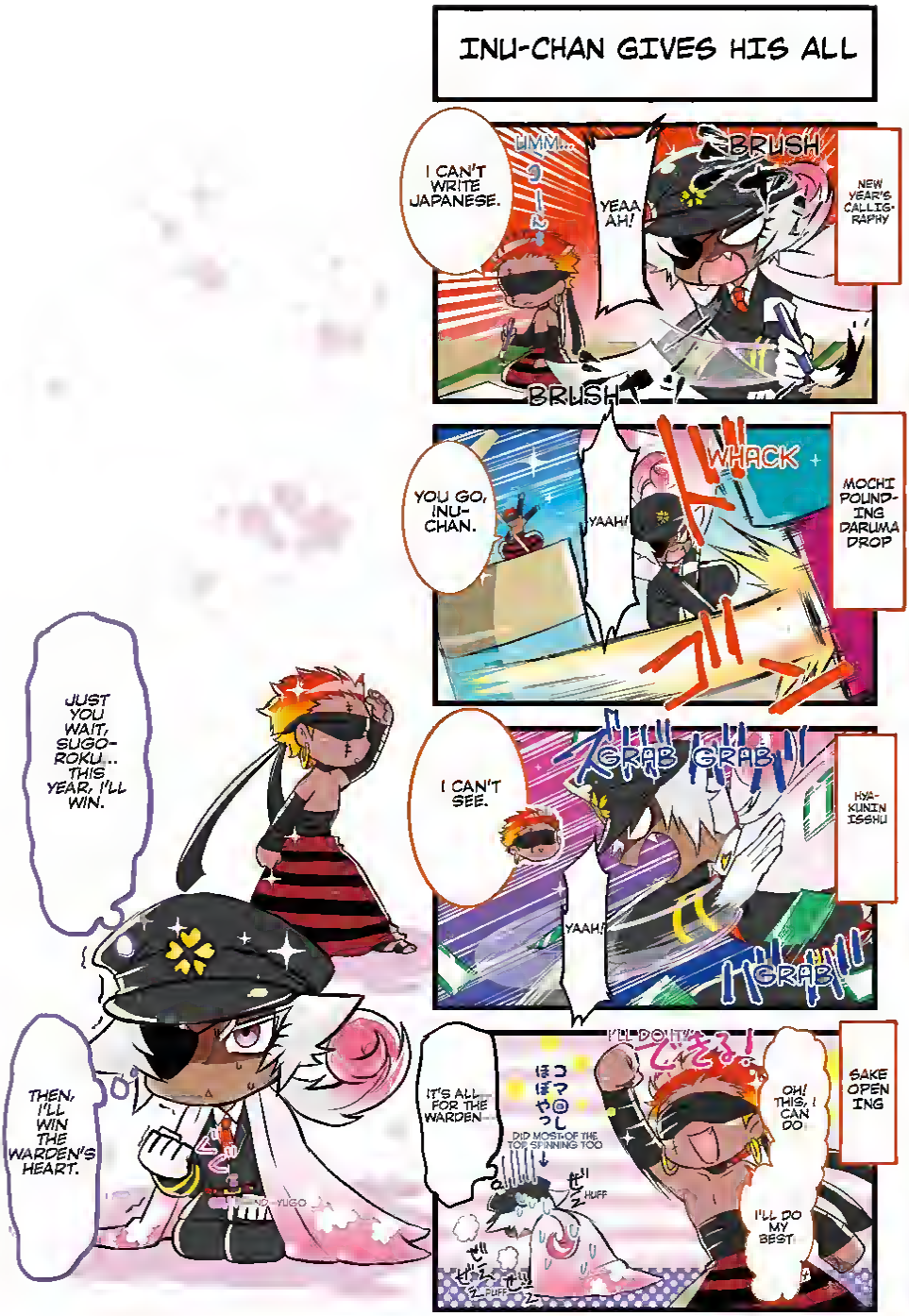

BAM
OH,
I REMEMBERED.
IT'S JYUGO-KUN! LONG TIME NO
SEEEEEEEE!
URGH
LIGHTUP
JEEZ.
AW, MAN
WHOA...
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A BIT TOO MUCH?
SWIPE
SWIPE
THEY'RE FINE.
FSSSHH


INU-CHAN GIVES HIS ALL
HMM...
I CAN'T WRITE JAPANESE.
YEAA AH!
BRUSH
BRUSH
NEW YEAR'S CALLIG-RAPHY
YOU GO, INU-CHAN.
YAAH!
WHACK
MOCHI POUND-ING DARUMA DROP
I CAN'T SEE.
YAAH!
GRAB GRAB
GRAB
HYA-KUNIN ISSHU
IT'S ALL FOR THE WARDEN...
I'LL DO IT!
コマ回し ほぼやっ
DID MOST OF THE TOP SPINNING TOO
HUFF
OH! THIS, I CAN DO.
I'LL DO MY BEST.
SAKE OPEN ING
JUST YOU WAIT, SUGO-ROKU... THIS YEAR, I'LL WIN.
THEN, I'LL WIN THE WARDEN'S HEART.
NO YUGO

NANBAKA VOL. 3

I WAS ABLE TO RELEASE VOLUME 3 IN ONE PIECE.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF MY FANS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I BELIEVE VOLUME 3 WILL SET EVERYTHING IN MOTION FOR NANBAKA HEREAFTER. NANBAKA WILL MOVE FORWARD BY GOING THROUGH VARIOUS CHANGES.

YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF THE RAUCOUS NANBA PRISON IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

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